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January 31, 2020

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The Honorable Josh Dobson, Chair
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The Honorable Joyce Krawiec, Chair
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Raleigh, NC 27603

The Honorable Donny Lambeth, Chair
Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on
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Room 303, Legislative Office Building
Raleigh, NC 27603

Dear Chairmen:

Session Law 2019-87, Section 1 requires the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Child Development and Early Education (DCDEE), to complete a statewide study of operators of four- and five-star centers who are not currently participating in the North Carolina Prekindergarten (NC Pre-K) program. In addition, DCDEE shall complete a county-by-county study of additional local challenges. DCDEE shall submit a report on its recommendations regarding the challenges, as well as any recommendations for changes to support increased access for children eligible for the NC Pre-K program, to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Health and Human Services and the Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee by February 1, 2020.

On behalf of Secretary Cohen, the Department is notifying you that this report will be delayed.

Should you have any questions, please contact Kristi Snuggs, Interim Director for the Division of Child Development and Early Education, at 919-814-6300.

Sincerely,

Mandy Cohen, MD, MPH
Secretary

cc:	Matt Gross	Hattie Gawande	Rob Kindsvatter	Dave Richard	Kody Kinsley
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