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Governor Pritzker's plan to create a new state agency for early childhood programs is moving forward after passing out of the Illinois House of Representatives.

**Capitol News Illinois reports** right now, the programs are run by three different state agencies.

Senate Bill One would take those programs and services and put them all under a new Department of Early Childhood. The process would take place over the next two years.

//Sponsors say by consolidating things into one agency, the state can create more efficiency, transparency, and ease of access for families and providers.

The new agency would oversee services that include early childhood block grants, early intervention, and day care licensing. //

The bill passed out of the House 93-18 and now heads to the Governor where he is expected to sign it.