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Amend House File 877 as follows:
          Page 9, by inserting after line 15 the
     3 following:
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                     NEW SECTION. 256C.7 PLANNING AND
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    5 ALIGNMENT.
         1. The state board of education shall work with
     7 the Iowa empowerment board, the Iowa head start state
     8 collaboration office, and the department of human
     9 services in developing a plan for an integrated
    10 preschool system for the state. The plan shall
    11 provide for effective coordination and referral of
    12 students to appropriate preschool programs and for
    13 improving the alignment of program standards, teacher
    14 qualifications, and learning standards across
  1 15 preschool programs.
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         2. The state board of education shall work with
    17 representatives of community colleges, institutions of
    18 higher learning under the state board of regents,
    19 private institutions of higher education, and the
    20 department of human services in developing career
    21 pathways for preschool teachers to engage in state
    22 preschool teacher quality improvement measures. The 23 measures addressed shall include but are not limited
    24 to establishing an articulation process, creating
    25 ongoing professional development opportunities for
    26 child care and preschool workers, and promoting a
    27 culturally diverse, competent, and skilled workforce.>
    28 <u>#2.</u> By renumbering as necessary.
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