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1 AN ACT Relating to the early learning advisory council; and
2 amending RCW 43.215.090.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 43.215.090 and 2007 c 394 s 3 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 (1) The early learning advisory council is established to advise
7 the department on statewide early learning (~~community-needs-and~~
8 ~~progress~~) issues that would build a comprehensive system of quality
9 early learning programs and services for Washington's children and
10 families by assessing needs and the availability of services, aligning
11 resources, developing plans for data collection and professional
12 development of early childhood educators, and establishing key
13 performance measures.

14 (2) The council shall work in conjunction with the department to
15 develop a statewide early learning plan that (~~crosses-systems-and~~
16 ~~sectors to promote~~) guides the department in promoting alignment of
17 private and public sector actions, objectives, and resources, and (~~to~~
18 ~~ensure~~) ensuring school readiness.

1 (3) The council shall include diverse, statewide representation
2 from public, nonprofit, and for-profit entities. Its membership shall
3 reflect regional, racial, and cultural diversity to adequately
4 represent the needs of all children and families in the state.

5 (4) Councilmembers shall serve two-year terms. However, to stagger
6 the terms of the council, the initial appointments for twelve of the
7 members shall be for one year. Once the initial one-year to two-year
8 terms expire, all subsequent terms shall be for two years, with the
9 terms expiring on June 30th of the applicable year. The terms shall be
10 staggered in such a way that, where possible, the terms of members
11 representing a specific group do not expire simultaneously.

12 (5) The council shall consist of not more than ~~((twenty-five))~~
13 twenty-three members, as follows:

14 (a) The governor shall appoint at least one representative from
15 each of the following: The department, the office of financial
16 management, the department of social and health services, the
17 department of health, the higher education coordinating board, and the
18 state board for community and technical colleges;

19 (b) One representative from the office of the superintendent of
20 public instruction, to be appointed by the superintendent of public
21 instruction;

22 (c) The governor shall appoint ~~((at least))~~ seven leaders in early
23 childhood education, with at least one representative with experience
24 or expertise in each of the areas such as the following ~~((areas))~~:
25 Children with disabilities, the K-12 system, family day care providers,
26 and child care centers;

27 (d) Two members of the house of representatives, one from each
28 caucus, and two members of the senate, one from each caucus, to be
29 appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives and the
30 president of the senate, respectively;

31 (e) Two parents, one of whom serves on the department's parent
32 advisory council, to be appointed by the governor;

33 (f) ~~((Two))~~ One representative~~((s))~~ of the private-public
34 partnership created in RCW 43.215.070, to be appointed by the
35 partnership board;

36 (g) One representative designated by sovereign tribal governments;
37 and

1 (h) One representative from the Washington federation of
2 independent schools.

3 (6) The council shall be cochaired by one representative of a state
4 agency and one nongovernmental member, to be elected by the council for
5 two-year terms.

6 (7) Each member of the board shall be compensated in accordance
7 with RCW 43.03.240 and reimbursed for travel expenses incurred in
8 carrying out the duties of the board in accordance with RCW 43.03.050
9 and 43.03.060.

10 (8) The department shall provide staff support to the council.

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