
SENATE BILL 5617

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By Senators Kauffman and McAuliffe

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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 aligning resources, establishing key performance measures,
11 and ensuring children are ready for school.

12 (2) The council shall work in conjunction with the department to
13 develop a statewide early learning plan that (~~(crosses systems and~~
14 ~~sectors to promote))~~ guides the department in promoting alignment of
15 private and public sector actions, objectives, and resources, and ((to
16 ensure)) ensuring school readiness. Beginning August 1, 2009, the plan
17 shall be submitted annually to appropriate committees of the
18 legislature and the P-20 council.

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

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

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

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

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

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

33 ~~(e) Two))~~ One parent~~((s))~~, ~~((one of whom))~~ who serves on the
34 department's parent advisory council, to be appointed by the governor;

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

1 ~~((g))~~ (f) One representative designated by sovereign tribal
2 governments; and

3 ~~((h))~~ (g) One representative from the Washington federation of
4 independent schools.

5 (6) The council shall consist of not more than twenty-five total
6 members, including the following nonvoting members:

7 (a) The director of the department;

8 (b) The speaker of the house of representatives and the president
9 of the senate may each appoint two nonvoting members to the council,
10 one from each of the two largest caucuses;

11 (c) The governor may appoint three additional leaders in early
12 childhood education and one additional parent; and

13 (d) The board of the private-public partnership created in RCW
14 43.215.070 may appoint one additional representative.

15 (7) The council shall be cochaired by ~~((one representative of a~~
16 state agency and one nongovernmental member)) voting members, to be
17 elected by the council for two-year terms.

18 ~~((7))~~ (8) Each voting member of the board shall be ~~((compensated~~
19 in accordance with RCW 43.03.240 and)) reimbursed for travel expenses
20 incurred in carrying out the duties of the board in accordance with RCW
21 43.03.050 and 43.03.060.

22 ~~((8))~~ (9) The department shall provide staff support to the
23 council.

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