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By Representatives Goodman, Walsh, Roberts, and Kagi; by request of Department of Early Learning

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1 AN ACT Relating to the membership of the early learning advisory
2 council; reenacting and amending RCW 43.215.090; and creating a new
3 section.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that to fully comply
6 with requirements in section 642B of the federal head start act, 42
7 U.S.C. Sec. 9837b, regarding state advisory council membership,
8 Washington must amend existing law to reflect necessary changes in
9 early learning advisory council membership in accordance with the
10 federal requirement.

11 Accordingly, the purpose of this act is to specify four of the
12 governor's appointees as permanent members on the early learning
13 advisory council to comply with state advisory council requirements as
14 follows: The head start state collaboration office director or a
15 designee; a representative of a head start, early head start,
16 migrant/seasonal head start, or tribal head start program; a
17 representative of a local education agency; and a representative of the
18 state agency responsible for programs under section 619 or part C of

1 the federal individuals with disabilities education act. This act also
2 revises the categories of groups from which the governor may appoint
3 additional representatives as members of the council.

4 **Sec. 2.** RCW 43.215.090 and 2010 c 234 s 3 and 2010 c 12 s 1 are
5 each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

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

13 (2) The council shall work in conjunction with the department to
14 develop a statewide early learning plan that guides the department in
15 promoting alignment of private and public sector actions, objectives,
16 and resources, and ensuring school readiness.

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

21 (4) Councilmembers shall serve two-year terms. However, to stagger
22 the terms of the council, the initial appointments for twelve of the
23 members shall be for one year. Once the initial one-year to two-year
24 terms expire, all subsequent terms shall be for two years, with the
25 terms expiring on June 30th of the applicable year. The terms shall be
26 staggered in such a way that, where possible, the terms of members
27 representing a specific group do not expire simultaneously.

28 (5) The council shall consist of not more than twenty-three
29 members, as follows:

30 (a) The governor shall appoint at least one representative from
31 each of the following: The department, the office of financial
32 management, the department of social and health services, the
33 department of health, the higher education coordinating board, and the
34 state board for community and technical colleges;

35 (b) One representative from the office of the superintendent of
36 public instruction, to be appointed by the superintendent of public
37 instruction;

1 (c) The governor shall appoint seven leaders in early childhood
2 education, with at least one representative with experience or
3 expertise in ~~((each))~~ one or more of the areas such as the following:
4 ~~((Children with disabilities,))~~ The K-12 system, family day care
5 providers, and child care centers with four of the seven governor's
6 appointees made as follows:

7 (i) The head start state collaboration office director or the
8 director's designee;

9 (ii) A representative of a head start, early head start,
10 migrant/seasonal head start, or tribal head start program;

11 (iii) A representative of a local education agency; and

12 (iv) A representative of the state agency responsible for programs
13 under section 619 or part C of the federal individuals with
14 disabilities education act;

15 (d) Two members of the house of representatives, one from each
16 caucus, and two members of the senate, one from each caucus, to be
17 appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives and the
18 president of the senate, respectively;

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

21 (f) One representative of the private-public partnership created in
22 RCW 43.215.070, to be appointed by the partnership board;

23 (g) One representative designated by sovereign tribal governments;
24 and

25 (h) One representative from the Washington federation of
26 independent schools.

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

30 (7) The council shall appoint two members and stakeholders with
31 expertise in early learning to sit on the technical working group
32 created in section 2, chapter 234, Laws of 2010.

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

1 (9) The department shall provide staff support to the council.

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