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ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 114—ASSEMBLYWOMAN THOMAS

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JOINT SPONSOR: SENATOR NGUYEN

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Referred to Committee on Health and Human Services

SUMMARY—Revises provisions governing the Nevada Early Childhood Advisory Council. (BDR 38-788)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.  
Effect on the State: Yes.

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EXPLANATION – Matter in *bolded italics* is new; matter between brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

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AN ACT relating to children; revising the membership of the Nevada Early Childhood Advisory Council; defining the term “early childhood program” for purposes of the duties of the Council; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

**Legislative Counsel’s Digest:**

1 Existing law establishes the Nevada Early Childhood Advisory Council and  
2 sets forth the minimum membership of the Council, who are to be appointed by the  
3 Governor. The Governor is also authorized to appoint such additional members to  
4 the Council as the Governor determines are necessary. (NRS 432A.076) This bill  
5 requires that the membership of the Council include: (1) one member who is a  
6 representative of the Division of Public and Behavioral Health of the Department of  
7 Health and Human Services whose duties include responsibility for maternal, child  
8 and adolescent health; (2) one member who is a representative of the Program for  
9 Child Care and Development in the Division of Welfare and Supportive Services of  
10 the Department; (3) one member who is a representative of a public school who  
11 works with pupils in kindergarten through grade 3; (4) one member who is a  
12 representative of a tribal organization; and (5) at least one member who is a parent  
13 or guardian of a child less than 8 years of age and who has participated in one or  
14 more federal or state early childhood programs. This bill also defines the term  
15 “early childhood program” for purposes of the duties of the Council as any program  
16 for children less than 8 years of age pertaining to: (1) nutrition; (2) health care; (3)  
17 mental and behavioral health; (4) protection; or (5) play and learning to stimulate  
18 physical, cognitive, linguistic, social and emotional development.

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THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN  
SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1     **Section 1.** NRS 432A.076 is hereby amended to read as  
2 follows:

3     432A.076 1. The Nevada Early Childhood Advisory Council  
4 is hereby established as the state advisory council on early  
5 childhood education and care required to be established pursuant to  
6 42 U.S.C. § 9837b(b)(1)(A)(i). The membership of the Council  
7 must be appointed by the Governor and include, without limitation:

8     (a) One member who is a representative of the Division of  
9 Public and Behavioral Health of the Department whose duties  
10 include responsibility for child care;

11     (b) *One member who is a representative of the Division of*  
12 *Public and Behavioral Health of the Department whose duties*  
13 *include responsibility for maternal, child and adolescent health;*

14     (c) *One member who is a representative of the Program for*  
15 *Child Care and Development, as defined in NRS 422A.055;*

16     (d) One member who is a representative of the Department of  
17 Education;

18     ~~(e)~~ (e) One member who is a representative of the Department  
19 of Education whose duties include responsibilities for programs  
20 under section 619 or part C of the Individuals with Disabilities  
21 Education Act, 20 U.S.C. §§ 1400 et seq.;

22     ~~(d)~~ (f) One member who is a representative of the boards of  
23 trustees of the school districts in this State;

24     ~~(e)~~ (g) One member who is a representative of the Nevada  
25 System of Higher Education;

26     ~~(f)~~ (h) One member who is a representative of local providers  
27 of early childhood education and developmental services;

28     ~~(e)~~ (i) *One member who is a representative of a public*  
29 *school, as defined in NRS 385.007, who works with pupils in*  
30 *kindergarten through grade 3;*

31     (j) One member who is a representative of Head Start agencies  
32 in this State, including, without limitation, migrant and seasonal  
33 Head Start programs and Indian Head Start programs;

34     ~~(h)~~ (k) One member who is appointed or designated pursuant  
35 to 42 U.S.C. § 9837b(a)(3)(A);

36     ~~(i)~~ (l) One member who is a representative of the Aging and  
37 Disability Services Division of the Department;

38     ~~(j)~~ (m) One member who is a representative of a nonprofit  
39 organization located in southern Nevada that provides early  
40 childhood ~~education~~ programs;



1 ~~[(k)]~~ (n) One member who is a representative of a nonprofit  
2 organization located in northern Nevada that provides early  
3 childhood ~~[education]~~ programs;

4 ~~[(l)]~~ (o) One member who is a representative of the pediatric  
5 mental, physical or behavioral health care industry;

6 (p) *One member who is a representative of a tribal  
7 organization;*

8 (q) *At least one member who is a parent or guardian of a child  
9 less than 8 years of age and who has participated in one or more  
10 federal or state early childhood programs, including, without  
11 limitation:*

12 (1) *The Program for Child Care and Development  
13 administered by the Division of Welfare and Supportive Services  
14 of the Department pursuant to chapter 422A of NRS;*

15 (2) *Head Start or Early Head Start;*

16 (3) *Nevada Home Visiting Program in the Department;*

17 (4) *Nevada Ready! State Pre-K program in the Department  
18 of Education; or*

19 (5) *The Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for  
20 Women, Infants and Children in the United States Department of  
21 Agriculture;* and

22 ~~[(m)]~~ (r) Such other members as the Governor determines are  
23 appropriate.

24 2. The Council shall:

25 (a) Work to strengthen state-level coordination and collaboration  
26 among the various sectors and settings of early childhood  
27 ~~[education]~~ programs.

28 (b) Conduct periodic statewide assessments of needs relating to  
29 the quality and availability of programs and services for children  
30 who are in early childhood ~~[education]~~ programs.

31 (c) Identify opportunities for and barriers to coordination and  
32 collaboration among early childhood ~~[education]~~ programs funded  
33 in whole or in part by the Federal Government, the State or a local  
34 government.

35 (d) Develop recommendations for:

36 (1) Increasing the participation of children in early childhood  
37 ~~[education]~~ programs funded in whole or in part by the Federal  
38 Government, the State or a local government, including, without  
39 limitation, providing information on such programs to  
40 underrepresented and special populations;

41 (2) The establishment or improvement of core elements of  
42 the early childhood system in this State, including, without  
43 limitation, a statewide unified system for collecting data relating to  
44 early childhood ~~[education]~~ programs;



1 (3) A statewide professional development system for  
2 teachers engaged in early childhood education; and

3 (4) The establishment of statewide standards for early  
4 childhood [education] programs in this State.

5 (e) Assess the capacity and effectiveness of institutions of  
6 higher education in this State in developing teachers in the field of  
7 early childhood education.

8 (f) Establish, in cooperation with the State Board of Education,  
9 guidelines for evaluating the school readiness of children. The  
10 guidelines must:

11 (1) Be based on national school readiness indicators;

12 (2) Address the following components of school readiness:

13 (I) Physical and developmental health;

14 (II) Social and emotional development;

15 (III) Approaches to learning;

16 (IV) Language and early literacy development; and

17 (V) Cognition and general knowledge.

18 (g) Develop recommendations for increasing parental  
19 involvement and family engagement in early childhood [education]  
20 programs.

21 (h) Perform such other duties relating to early childhood  
22 [education] programs as designated by the Governor.

23 3. On or before December 1 of each year, the Council shall  
24 submit a report to the Governor and to the Director of the  
25 Legislative Counsel Bureau for transmittal to the Joint Interim  
26 Standing Committee on Health and Human Services and the Joint  
27 Interim Standing Committee on Education, if the report is received  
28 during an odd-numbered year, or to the next session of the  
29 Legislature, if the report is received during an even-numbered year.  
30 The report must include, without limitation, a summary of the  
31 activities of the Council and any recommendations for  
32 improvements to the early childhood system in this State.

33 4. The Council may accept gifts, grants and donations from any  
34 source for the support of the Council in carrying out the provisions  
35 of this section.

36 5. *As used in this section, "early childhood program" means*  
37 *any program for children less than 8 years of age pertaining to:*

38 (a) *Nutrition;*

39 (b) *Health care;*

40 (c) *Mental and behavioral health;*

41 (d) *Protection; or*

42 (e) *Play and learning to stimulate physical, cognitive,*  
43 *linguistic, social and emotional development.*

