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ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 114—ASSEMBLYWOMAN THOMAS

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JOINT SPONSOR: SENATOR NGUYEN

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.

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 provides that the member
15 who is appointed as a representative of the Department of Education whose duties
16 include responsibilities for certain programs may, alternatively, be a representative
17 of the Department of Health and Human Services whose duties include similar
18 responsibilities. This bill also defines the term “early childhood program” for
19 purposes of the duties of the Council as any program that stimulates physical,
20 cognitive, linguistic, social and emotional development for children less than 8



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21 years of age pertaining to: (1) nutrition; (2) health care; (3) mental and behavioral
22 health; (4) protection; and (5) play and learning.

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. ~~(f)~~, *or a representative of*
22 *the Department of Health and Human Services whose duties*
23 *include responsibilities for programs under part C of the*
24 *Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, 20 U.S.C. §§ 1400 et*
25 *seq.;*

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

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

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

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

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

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



1 ~~(l)~~ (l) One member who is a representative of the Aging and
2 Disability Services Division of the Department;

3 ~~(m)~~ (m) One member who is a representative of a nonprofit
4 organization located in southern Nevada that provides early
5 childhood ~~education~~ programs;

6 ~~(n)~~ (n) One member who is a representative of a nonprofit
7 organization located in northern Nevada that provides early
8 childhood ~~education~~ programs;

9 ~~(o)~~ (o) One member who is a representative of the pediatric
10 mental, physical or behavioral health care industry;

11 (p) *One member who is a representative of a tribal
12 organization, with consideration given to an enrolled member of a
13 Nevada Indian tribe;*

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

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

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

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

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

25 (5) *The Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for
26 Women, Infants and Children in the United States Department of
27 Agriculture; and*

28 ~~(r)~~ (r) Such other members as the Governor determines are
29 appropriate.

30 2. *In making the appointment of any member pursuant to
31 paragraph (q) of subsection 1, the Governor, to the extent
32 practicable, must give preference to a parent or guardian who
33 represents a diverse population of this State.*

34 3. The Council shall:

35 (a) Work to strengthen state-level coordination and collaboration
36 among the various sectors and settings of early childhood
37 ~~education~~ programs.

38 (b) Conduct periodic statewide assessments of needs relating to
39 the quality and availability of programs and services for children
40 who are in early childhood ~~education~~ programs.

41 (c) Identify opportunities for and barriers to coordination and
42 collaboration among early childhood ~~education~~ programs funded
43 in whole or in part by the Federal Government, the State or a local
44 government.

45 (d) Develop recommendations for:



1 (1) Increasing the participation of children in early childhood
2 ~~education~~ programs funded in whole or in part by the Federal
3 Government, the State or a local government, including, without
4 limitation, providing information on such programs to
5 underrepresented and special populations;

6 (2) The establishment or improvement of core elements of
7 the early childhood system in this State, including, without
8 limitation, a statewide unified system for collecting data relating to
9 early childhood ~~education~~ programs;

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

12 (4) The establishment of statewide standards for early
13 childhood ~~education~~ programs in this State.

14 (e) Assess the capacity and effectiveness of institutions of
15 higher education in this State in developing teachers in the field of
16 early childhood education.

17 (f) Establish, in cooperation with the State Board of Education,
18 guidelines for evaluating the school readiness of children. The
19 guidelines must:

- 20 (1) Be based on national school readiness indicators;
- 21 (2) Address the following components of school readiness:
 - 22 (I) Physical and developmental health;
 - 23 (II) Social and emotional development;
 - 24 (III) Approaches to learning;
 - 25 (IV) Language and early literacy development; and
 - 26 (V) Cognition and general knowledge.

27 (g) Develop recommendations for increasing parental
28 involvement and family engagement in early childhood ~~education~~
29 programs.

30 (h) Perform such other duties relating to early childhood
31 ~~education~~ programs as designated by the Governor.

32 ~~[3.]~~ 4. On or before December 1 of each year, the Council
33 shall submit a report to the Governor and to the Director of the
34 Legislative Counsel Bureau for transmittal to the Joint Interim
35 Standing Committee on Health and Human Services and the Joint
36 Interim Standing Committee on Education, if the report is received
37 during an odd-numbered year, or to the next session of the
38 Legislature, if the report is received during an even-numbered year.
39 The report must include, without limitation, a summary of the
40 activities of the Council and any recommendations for
41 improvements to the early childhood system in this State.

42 ~~[4.]~~ 5. The Council may accept gifts, grants and donations
43 from any source for the support of the Council in carrying out the
44 provisions of this section.



- 1 **6. As used in this section, “early childhood program” means**
2 **any program for children less than 8 years of age pertaining to:**
3 **(a) Nutrition;**
4 **(b) Health care;**
5 **(c) Mental and behavioral health;**
6 **(d) Protection; and**
7 **(e) Play and learning,**
8 **↳ to stimulate physical, cognitive, linguistic, social and emotional**
9 **development.**

