

**ESB 5617** - H COMM AMD

By Committee on Early Learning & Children's Services

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1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the  
2 following:

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

5 (1) The early learning advisory council is established to advise  
6 the department on statewide early learning (~~((community needs and~~  
7 ~~progress))~~ issues leading to the building of a comprehensive system of  
8 quality early learning programs and services for Washington's children  
9 and families by aligning resources, establishing key performance  
10 measures, and ensuring children are ready for school.

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

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

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

1 consecutive council meetings, a replacement representative shall be  
2 appointed to serve the remainder of the term of the initial appointee.

3 (5) The council shall consist of not more than twenty-five members,  
4 as follows:

5 (a) The governor shall appoint at least one representative from  
6 each of the following: The department, the office of financial  
7 management, the department of social and health services, the  
8 department of health, the higher education coordinating board, the  
9 workforce training and education coordinating board, and the state  
10 board for community and technical colleges;

11 (b) One representative from the office of the superintendent of  
12 public instruction, to be appointed by the superintendent of public  
13 instruction;

14 (c) The governor shall appoint at least seven leaders in early  
15 childhood education, with at least one representative with experience  
16 or expertise in each of the following areas: Children with  
17 disabilities, the K-12 system, family day care providers, and child  
18 care centers;

19 (d) Two members of the house of representatives, one from each  
20 caucus, and two members of the senate, one from each caucus, to be  
21 appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives and the  
22 president of the senate, respectively;

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

25 (f) Two representatives of the private-public partnership created  
26 in RCW 43.215.070, to be appointed by the partnership board;

27 (g) One representative designated by sovereign tribal governments;  
28 and

29 (h) One representative from the Washington federation of  
30 independent schools.

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

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

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

1 Correct the title.

EFFECT: Preserves the elements of underlying bill amending the purpose of the ELAC and requiring annual reporting to the Legislature. Removes all the provisions altering the membership of the ELAC except the provision adding a representative from the Workforce Training and Education Coordinating Board. Adds a provision requiring appointment of a replacement for a council member who is unable to attend three consecutive council meetings.

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