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By House Early Learning & Human Services (originally sponsored by Representatives Reeves, Slatter, Tharinger, Robinson, Kagi, Dolan, Kilduff, Chapman, Doglio, Riccelli, and Stonier)

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1 AN ACT Relating to establishing a child care collaborative task
2 force; creating a new section; and providing an expiration date.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1) The department of commerce shall
5 convene and facilitate a child care collaborative task force to
6 examine the effects of child care affordability and accessibility on
7 the workforce and on businesses. The director of the department of
8 commerce or his or her designee must convene the first meeting of the
9 task force by September 1, 2018.

10 (2) The task force shall develop policies and recommendations to
11 incentivize employer-supported child care and improve child care
12 access and affordability for employees. To accomplish its duties, the
13 task force shall evaluate current available data including, but not
14 limited to:

15 (a) Child care market rate survey reports, including data related
16 to the geographic distribution of licensed child care providers and
17 the demand for, cost, and availability of such providers;

18 (b) Best practices for employer-supported child care; and

19 (c) Research related to the economic and workforce impacts of
20 employee access to high quality, affordable child care.

1 (3) The governor shall appoint additional voting task force
2 members as follows:

3 (a) Five representatives of private business, including: One
4 representative of a small business; one representative of a medium-
5 sized business; one representative of a large business; and two
6 chamber of commerce representatives, one located east of the crest of
7 the Cascade mountains and one located west of the crest of the
8 Cascade mountains;

9 (b) One representative from a union representing child care
10 providers;

11 (c) One representative from the statewide child care resource and
12 referral network;

13 (d) One representative of an organization representing the
14 interests of licensed child day care centers;

15 (e) One representative of a statewide nonprofit organization
16 comprised of senior executives of major private sector employers;

17 (f) One representative of a nongovernmental private-public
18 partnership supporting home visiting service delivery;

19 (g) One representative of a federally recognized tribe; and

20 (h) One representative from an association representing business
21 interests.

22 (4) One representative from each of the following agencies shall
23 serve as a nonvoting member of the task force and provide data and
24 information to the task force upon request:

25 (a) The department of commerce;

26 (b) The department of children, youth, and families;

27 (c) The employment security department;

28 (d) The department of revenue;

29 (e) The department of social and health services; and

30 (f) The office of the governor.

31 (5) The president of the senate shall appoint one member to the
32 task force from each of the two largest caucuses of the senate to
33 serve as nonvoting members of the task force.

34 (6) The speaker of the house of representatives shall appoint one
35 member to the task force from each of the two largest caucuses in the
36 house of representatives to serve as nonvoting members of the task
37 force.

38 (7) The governor shall appoint the following nonvoting members:

39 (a) Three representatives from the child care industry. At least
40 one of the child care industry representatives must be a provider

1 from a rural community. The three representatives must include: One
2 licensed child day care center provider; one licensed family day care
3 provider; and one representative of family, friend, and neighbor
4 child care providers;

5 (b) Two representatives of economic development organizations,
6 one located east of the crest of the Cascade mountains and one
7 located west of the crest of the Cascade mountains;

8 (c) Four representatives of advocacy organizations representing
9 parents, early learning, foster care youth, and expanded learning
10 opportunity interests;

11 (d) One representative from an association representing statewide
12 transit interests;

13 (e) One representative of an institution of higher education; and

14 (f) One representative of a nonprofit organization providing
15 training and professional development for family day care providers
16 and family, friend, and neighbor child care providers.

17 (8) The director of commerce or his or her designee may invite
18 additional representatives to participate as nonvoting members of the
19 task force.

20 (9) The task force chair and vice chair must be elected by a
21 majority vote of voting task force members.

22 (10) Staff support for the task force must be provided by the
23 department of commerce.

24 (11) Legislative members of the task force shall be reimbursed
25 for travel expenses in accordance with RCW 44.04.120. Nonlegislative
26 members shall be reimbursed for travel expenses in accordance with
27 chapter 43.03 RCW.

28 (12) In accordance with RCW 43.01.036 the task force shall report
29 its findings and recommendations to the governor and the appropriate
30 committees of the legislature by November 1, 2019. The report must
31 include findings related to:

32 (a) Options for the state to incentivize the provision of:

33 (i) Employer-supported child care by public and private
34 employers; and

35 (ii) Back-up child care by public and private employers;

36 (b) Opportunities for streamlining permitting and licensing
37 requirements to facilitate the development and construction of child
38 care facilities;

39 (c) Potential tax incentives for private businesses providing
40 employer-supported child care;

1 (d) A model policy for the establishment of a "bring your infant
2 to work" program for public and private sector employees; and
3 (e) Policy recommendations that address racial, ethnic, and
4 geographic disparity and disproportionality in service delivery and
5 accessibility to services for families.
6 (13) For the purposes of this section:
7 (a) "Back-up child care" means a temporary child care arrangement
8 that is provided when normal child care arrangements are unavailable.
9 (b) "Employer-supported child care" includes:
10 (i) A licensed child care center operated at or near the
11 workplace by an employer for the benefit of employees; or
12 (ii) Financial assistance provided by an employer for licensed
13 child care expenses incurred by an employee.
14 (14) This section expires December 30, 2019.

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