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AN ACT to amend the social services law, in relation to codifying the early childhood advisory council

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

1     Section 1. The social services law is amended by adding a new section  
2     483-g to read as follows:  
3     S 483-G. EARLY CHILDHOOD ADVISORY COUNCIL. 1. THERE IS HEREBY ESTAB-  
4     LISHED WITHIN THE COUNCIL AN EARLY CHILDHOOD ADVISORY COUNCIL TO PROMOTE  
5     A COMPREHENSIVE AND HIGH QUALITY EARLY CHILDHOOD SYSTEM. MEMBERS OF THE  
6     EARLY CHILDHOOD ADVISORY COUNCIL SHALL INCLUDE, BUT NOT BE LIMITED TO,  
7     TO THE MAXIMUM EXTENT POSSIBLE:  
8        (A) A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE OFFICE OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES;  
9        (B) A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE STATE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT;  
10       (C) A REPRESENTATIVE OF LOCAL EDUCATIONAL AGENCIES;  
11       (D) A REPRESENTATIVE OF INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN THE STATE;  
12       (E) A REPRESENTATIVE OF LOCAL PROVIDERS OF EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION  
13     AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES;  
14       (F) A REPRESENTATIVE OF HEAD START AGENCIES, INCLUDING MIGRANT AND  
15     SEASONAL HEAD START PROGRAMS AND INDIAN HEAD START PROGRAMS;  
16       (G) THE DIRECTOR OF THE HEAD START COLLABORATION OFFICE;  
17       (H) A REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH;  
18       (I) A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE OFFICE OF TEMPORARY AND DISABILITY ASSIST-  
19     ANCE;  
20       (J) A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE OFFICE OF MENTAL HEALTH;  
21       (K) A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE OFFICE FOR PEOPLE WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISA-  
22     BILITIES;  
23       (L) A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE EMPIRE STATE DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION;

EXPLANATION--Matter in ITALICS (underscored) is new; matter in brackets  
[ ] is old law to be omitted.

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1 (M) A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE DIVISION OF THE BUDGET;  
2 (N) AT LEAST FIVE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY; AND  
3 (O) REPRESENTATIVES OF OTHER ENTITIES DETERMINED TO BE RELEVANT BY THE  
4 GOVERNOR.

5 2. THE EARLY CHILDHOOD ADVISORY COUNCIL SHALL, IN ADDITION TO ANY  
6 RESPONSIBILITIES ASSIGNED BY THE GOVERNOR:

7 (A) CONDUCT A PERIODIC STATEWIDE NEEDS ASSESSMENT CONCERNING THE QUAL-  
8 ITY AND AVAILABILITY OF EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION AND DEVELOPMENT  
9 PROGRAMS AND SERVICES FOR CHILDREN FROM BIRTH TO SCHOOL ENTRY, INCLUDING  
10 AN ASSESSMENT OF THE AVAILABILITY OF HIGH-QUALITY PRE-KINDERGARTEN  
11 SERVICES FOR LOW-INCOME CHILDREN IN THE STATE;

12 (B) IDENTIFY OPPORTUNITIES FOR, AND BARRIERS TO, COLLABORATION AND  
13 COORDINATION AMONG FEDERALLY FUNDED AND STATE FUNDED CHILD DEVELOPMENT,  
14 CHILD CARE, AND EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION PROGRAMS AND SERVICES, INCLUD-  
15 ING COLLABORATION AND COORDINATION AMONG STATE AGENCIES RESPONSIBLE FOR  
16 ADMINISTERING SUCH PROGRAMS;

17 (C) DEVELOP RECOMMENDATIONS FOR INCREASING THE OVERALL PARTICIPATION  
18 OF CHILDREN IN EXISTING FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL CHILD CARE AND EARLY  
19 CHILDHOOD EDUCATION PROGRAMS, INCLUDING OUTREACH TO UNDERREPRESENTED AND  
20 SPECIAL POPULATIONS;

21 (D) DEVELOP RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A UNIFIED  
22 DATA COLLECTION SYSTEM FOR PUBLIC EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION AND DEVELOP-  
23 MENT PROGRAMS AND SERVICES THROUGHOUT THE STATE;

24 (E) DEVELOP RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING STATEWIDE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOP-  
25 MENT AND CAREER ADVANCEMENT PLANS FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATORS IN THE  
26 STATE;

27 (F) ASSESS THE CAPACITY AND EFFECTIVENESS OF TWO-YEAR AND FOUR-YEAR  
28 PUBLIC AND PRIVATE INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN THE STATE TOWARD  
29 SUPPORTING THE DEVELOPMENT OF EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATORS, INCLUDING THE  
30 EXTENT TO WHICH SUCH INSTITUTIONS HAVE IN PLACE ARTICULATION AGREEMENTS,  
31 PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND CAREER ADVANCEMENT PLANS, AND PRACTICE OR  
32 INTERNSHIPS FOR STUDENTS TO SPEND TIME IN A HEAD START OR PRE-KINDERGAR-  
33 TEN PROGRAM;

34 (G) DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT STRATEGIES TO ENGAGE BUSINESS AND CIVIC  
35 LEADERS AND ORGANIZATIONS IN EARLY LEARNING PLANNING AND ADVOCACY AT THE  
36 STATE AND LOCAL LEVEL;

37 (H) INCREASE BUSINESS, CIVIC AND PUBLIC AWARENESS OF THE IMPORTANCE OF  
38 EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, THE DISTRIB-  
39 UTION OF LITERATURE THROUGH MAIL OR ONLINE, ORGANIZING OF MEETINGS AND  
40 EVENTS TO PROMOTE THE COST BENEFIT OF INVESTMENTS IN LEARNING AND THE  
41 HOSTING OF AN ANNUAL ECONOMIC SUMMIT ON EARLY CHILDHOOD INVESTMENT;

42 (I) DEVELOP RECOMMENDATIONS FOR INCREASING PUBLIC-PRIVATE INVESTMENTS  
43 IN EARLY CHILDHOOD AND STRATEGIES FOR MAXIMIZING RESOURCES; AND

44 (J) MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR IMPROVEMENTS IN STATE EARLY LEARNING  
45 STANDARDS AND UNDERTAKE EFFORTS TO DEVELOP HIGH-QUALITY COMPREHENSIVE  
46 EARLY LEARNING STANDARDS, AS APPROPRIATE.

47 3. MEMBERS OF THE EARLY CHILDHOOD ADVISORY COUNCIL SHALL SERVE ON  
48 WORKGROUPS TASKED WITH IMPLEMENTING THE DUTIES REQUIRED PURSUANT TO  
49 SUBDIVISION TWO OF THIS SECTION. SUCH WORKGROUPS MAY BE ESTABLISHED AS  
50 NEEDED, PROVIDED HOWEVER THAT THERE SHALL BE A PERMANENT EARLY LEARNING  
51 INVESTMENT WORKGROUP FOCUSED ON IMPLEMENTATION OF, AT A MINIMUM, THE  
52 DUTIES DESCRIBED IN PARAGRAPHS (G), (H) AND (I) OF SUBDIVISION TWO OF  
53 THIS SECTION. MEMBERSHIP OF THE EARLY LEARNING INVESTMENT WORKGROUP  
54 SHALL INCLUDE, BUT NOT BE LIMITED TO, REPRESENTATIVES OF THE BUSINESS  
55 COMMUNITY APPOINTED TO THE COUNCIL IN ACCORDANCE WITH PARAGRAPH (N) OF  
56 SUBDIVISION ONE OF THIS SECTION.

1 4. THE EARLY CHILDHOOD ADVISORY COUNCIL SHALL HOLD PUBLIC HEARINGS AND  
2 PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE ACTIVITIES DESCRIBED IN  
3 SUBDIVISION TWO OF THIS SECTION.

4 5. THE EARLY CHILDHOOD ADVISORY COUNCIL SHALL SUBMIT A STATEWIDE STRA-  
5 TEGIC REPORT ADDRESSING THE ACTIVITIES DESCRIBED IN SUBDIVISION TWO OF  
6 THIS SECTION TO THE DIRECTOR OF THE HEAD START COLLABORATION OFFICE, THE  
7 GOVERNOR, THE SPEAKER OF THE ASSEMBLY AND THE TEMPORARY PRESIDENT OF THE  
8 SENATE. AFTER SUBMISSION OF A STATEWIDE STRATEGIC REPORT, THE EARLY  
9 CHILDHOOD ADVISORY COUNCIL SHALL MEET PERIODICALLY TO REVIEW ANY IMPE-  
10 MENTATION OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS IN SUCH REPORT AND ANY CHANGES IN STATE  
11 AND LOCAL NEEDS.

12 S 2. This act shall take effect immediately.