

1 AN ACT concerning State government.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Illinois Early Learning Council Act is
5 amended by changing Sections 5, 10, and 15 and by adding
6 Section 20 as follows:

7 (20 ILCS 3933/5)

8 Sec. 5. Illinois Early Learning Council. The Illinois
9 Early Learning Council is hereby created to advise on
10 statewide ~~coordinate existing~~ programs and services for
11 children from the prenatal period ~~birth~~ to 5 years of age in
12 order to better meet the early learning needs of children and
13 their families. The goal of the Council is to fulfill the
14 vision of Illinois being the best state in the nation to raise
15 young children by providing a statewide, high-quality,
16 accessible, and comprehensive early learning system ~~to benefit~~
17 ~~all young children whose parents choose it~~. The Council shall
18 guide collaborative efforts to improve and expand upon
19 existing early childhood programs and services, including
20 those related to education and care, such as nutrition,
21 nutrition education, and physical activity, in coordination
22 with the Interagency Nutrition Council. This work shall
23 include making use of existing reports, research, and planning

1 efforts.

2 (Source: P.A. 93-380, eff. 7-24-03; 94-124, eff. 1-1-06.)

3 (20 ILCS 3933/10)

4 Sec. 10. Membership. The Illinois Early Learning Council
5 shall include representation from both public and private
6 organizations, and its membership shall reflect regional,
7 racial, and cultural diversity to ensure representation of the
8 needs of all Illinois children. One member shall be appointed
9 by the President of the Senate;~~;~~ one member shall be appointed
10 by the Minority Leader of the Senate;~~;~~ one member shall be
11 appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives;~~;~~ one
12 member shall be appointed by the Minority Leader of the House
13 of Representatives;~~;~~ and other members shall be appointed by
14 the Governor. The Governor's appointments shall include,
15 without limitation, the following:

16 (1) The Secretary of Early Childhood or the
17 Secretary's designee, who shall serve as co-chairperson of
18 the Council.

19 (2) ~~(1)~~ A leader of stature from the Governor's
20 office, ~~to serve as co-chairperson of the Council.~~

21 (3) ~~(2)~~ The chief administrators of the following
22 State agencies or their designees: ~~Department of Early~~
23 ~~Childhood,~~ the State Board of Education; the Department of
24 Human Services; the Department of Children and Family
25 Services; the Department of Public Health; the Department

1 of Healthcare and Family Services; the Board of Higher
2 Education; and the Illinois Community College Board.

3 (4) Parents and caregivers of children 5 years of age
4 or younger.

5 (5) A representative of a statewide advocacy
6 organization that represents multiple Head Start and Early
7 Head Start providers.

8 (6) The State Director of Head Start Collaboration.

9 (7) ~~(3)~~ Local government stakeholders and
10 nongovernment stakeholders with an interest in early
11 childhood care and education, including representation
12 from the following private-sector fields and
13 constituencies: early childhood education and development;
14 child care; child advocacy; parenting support; local
15 community collaborations among early care and education
16 programs and services; maternal and child health; children
17 with special needs; business; labor; and law enforcement.

18 The Governor shall designate one of the members who is a
19 nongovernment stakeholder to serve as co-chairperson of
20 the Council.

21 ~~In addition, the Governor shall request that the Region V~~
22 ~~office of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services'~~
23 ~~Administration for Children and Families appoint a member to~~
24 ~~the Council to represent federal children's programs and~~
25 ~~services.~~

26 Members appointed by General Assembly members and members

1 appointed by the Governor who are local government or
2 nongovernment stakeholders shall serve 3-year terms, except
3 that of the initial appointments, half of these members, as
4 determined by lot, shall be appointed to 2-year terms so that
5 terms are staggered. Members shall serve on a voluntary,
6 unpaid basis.

7 (Source: P.A. 103-594, eff. 6-25-24.)

8 (20 ILCS 3933/15)

9 Sec. 15. Management and accountability ~~Accountability~~. The
10 Department of Early Childhood shall provide staffing and
11 administrative support to the Council. The Illinois Early
12 Learning Council shall annually report to the Governor, the
13 ~~and~~ General Assembly, and the Department of Early Childhood on
14 the Council's progress toward ~~towards~~ its goals and
15 objectives.

16 (Source: P.A. 93-380, eff. 7-24-03.)

17 (20 ILCS 3933/20 new)

18 Sec. 20. Conflicts of interest. No member of the Council
19 shall cast a vote on or participate substantially in any
20 matter that would provide a direct financial benefit to that
21 member or otherwise give the appearance of a conflict of
22 interest under State law. All provisions and reporting
23 requirements of the Illinois Governmental Ethics Act shall
24 apply to Council members.

1 Section 10. The Early Childhood Access Consortium for
2 Equity Act is amended by changing Section 25 as follows:

3 (110 ILCS 28/25)

4 Sec. 25. Advisory committee; membership.

5 (a) The Board of Higher Education, the Illinois Community
6 College Board, the State Board of Education, the Department of
7 Human Services, and the Department of Early Childhood shall
8 jointly convene a Consortium advisory committee to provide
9 guidance on the operation of the Consortium.

10 (b) Membership on the advisory committee shall be
11 comprised of employers and experts appointed by the Board of
12 Higher Education, the Illinois Community College Board, the
13 Department of Early Childhood, the Department of Human
14 Services, and the State Board of Education. Membership shall
15 also include all of the following members:

16 (1) An employer from a community-based child care
17 provider, appointed by the Department of Early Childhood
18 ~~Human Services~~.

19 (2) An employer from a for-profit child care provider,
20 appointed by the Department of Early Childhood ~~Human~~
21 ~~Services~~.

22 (3) An employer from a nonprofit child care provider,
23 appointed by the Department of Early Childhood ~~Human~~
24 ~~Services~~.

1 (4) A provider of family child care, appointed by the
2 Department of Early Childhood ~~Human Services~~.

3 (5) An employer located in southern Illinois,
4 appointed by the Department of Early Childhood.

5 (6) An employer located in central Illinois, appointed
6 by the Department of Early Childhood.

7 (7) At least one member who represents an urban school
8 district, appointed by the State Board of Education.

9 (8) At least one member who represents a suburban
10 school district, appointed by the State Board of
11 Education.

12 (9) At least one member who represents a rural school
13 district, appointed by the State Board of Education.

14 (10) At least one member who represents a school
15 district in a city with a population of 500,000 or more,
16 appointed by the State Board of Education.

17 (11) Two early childhood advocates with statewide
18 expertise in early childhood workforce issues, appointed
19 by the Department of Early Childhood.

20 (12) The Chairperson or Vice-Chairperson and the
21 Minority Spokesperson or a designee of the Senate
22 Committee on Higher Education.

23 (13) The Chairperson or Vice-Chairperson and the
24 Minority Spokesperson or a designee of the House Committee
25 on Higher Education.

26 (14) One member representing the Illinois Community

1 College Board, who shall serve as co-chairperson,
2 appointed by the Illinois Community College Board.

3 (15) One member representing the Board of Higher
4 Education, who shall serve as co-chairperson, appointed by
5 the Board of Higher Education.

6 (16) One member representing the Illinois Student
7 Assistance Commission, appointed by the Illinois Student
8 Assistance Commission.

9 (17) One member representing the State Board of
10 Education, who shall serve as co-chairperson, appointed by
11 the State Board of Education.

12 (18) One member representing the Department of Early
13 Childhood, who shall serve as co-chairperson, appointed by
14 the Department of Early Childhood.

15 (19) One member representing the Department of Human
16 Services, who shall serve as co-chairperson, appointed by
17 the Department of Human Services.

18 (20) One member representing INCCRRA, appointed by the
19 Department of Early Childhood.

20 (21) One member representing the Department of
21 Children and Family Services, appointed by the Department
22 of Children and Family Services.

23 (22) One member representing an organization that
24 advocates on behalf of community college trustees,
25 appointed by the Illinois Community College Board.

26 (23) One member of a union representing child care and

1 early childhood providers, appointed by the Department of
2 Early Childhood ~~Human Services~~.

3 (24) Two members of unions representing higher
4 education faculty, appointed by the Board of Higher
5 Education.

6 (25) A representative from the College of Education of
7 an urban public university, appointed by the Board of
8 Higher Education.

9 (26) A representative from the College of Education of
10 a suburban public university, appointed by the Board of
11 Higher Education.

12 (27) A representative from the College of Education of
13 a rural public university, appointed by the Board of
14 Higher Education.

15 (28) A representative from the College of Education of
16 a private university, appointed by the Board of Higher
17 Education.

18 (29) A representative of an urban community college,
19 appointed by the Illinois Community College Board.

20 (30) A representative of a suburban community college,
21 appointed by the Illinois Community College Board.

22 (31) A representative of a rural community college,
23 appointed by the Illinois Community College Board.

24 (c) The advisory committee shall meet at least twice a
25 year. The committee meetings shall be open to the public in
26 accordance with the provisions of the Open Meetings Act.

1 (d) Except for the co-chairpersons of the advisory
2 committee, the initial terms for advisory committee members
3 after June 5, 2024 (the effective date of Public Act 103-588)
4 shall be set by lottery at the first meeting after June 5, 2024
5 (the effective date of Public Act 103-588) as follows:

6 (1) One-third of members shall serve a one-year term.

7 (2) One-third of members shall serve a 2-year term.

8 (3) One-third of members shall serve a 3-year term.

9 (e) The initial term of co-chairpersons of the advisory
10 committee shall be for 3 years.

11 (f) After the initial term, each subsequent term for the
12 members of the advisory committee shall be for 3 years or until
13 a successor is appointed.

14 (g) The members of the advisory committee shall serve
15 without compensation, but shall be entitled to reimbursement
16 for all necessary expenses incurred in the performance of
17 their official duties as members of the advisory committee
18 from funds appropriated for that purpose.

19 (Source: P.A. 103-588, eff. 6-5-24; 103-594, eff. 6-25-24;
20 104-417, eff. 8-15-25.)