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An Act To Amend the Membership of the Child Care Advisory Council

Reference to the Committee on Health and Human Services suggested and ordered printed.

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Clerk

Presented by Representative GATTINE of Westbrook.

1 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

2 **Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §3739, sub-§2**, as amended by PL 2011, c. 657, Pt. AA, §63, is
3 further amended to read:

4 **2. Membership.** The council has a minimum of ~~28~~ 29 members, appointed as
5 follows:

6 A. One employee of the department's office of integrated access and support who is
7 responsible for child care services, appointed by the commissioner;

8 B. The employee of the Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Child
9 Care and Head Start who serves as the state child care administrator, or the state child
10 care administrator's designee;

11 C. One employee of the division within the department concerned with children's
12 behavioral health services, appointed by the commissioner;

13 D. Two employees of the Department of Education, one of whom represents special
14 education programs and one of whom oversees public programs for children 4 years
15 of age, appointed by the Commissioner of Education;

16 E. One employee who serves as the state Head Start collaboration director, or the
17 state Head Start collaboration director's designee;

18 F. The State Fire Marshal or the State Fire Marshal's designee;

19 G. One employee of the organizational unit of the department that provides programs
20 and services for substance abuse prevention and treatment, appointed by the
21 commissioner;

22 H. One employee of the Department of Economic and Community Development,
23 appointed by the Commissioner of Economic and Community Development;

24 I. One member of the Senate, appointed by the President of the Senate;

25 J. Two members of the House of Representatives, at least one of whom may not be
26 from the party with the most members in the House of Representatives, appointed by
27 the Speaker of the House of Representatives;

28 K. One parent or other consumer who receives a child care subsidy at the time of
29 that parent's or consumer's appointment, appointed by the Governor;

30 L. One parent or other consumer of child care services who does not receive a child
31 care subsidy, appointed by the Governor;

32 M. One business representative nominated by the Maine Chamber of Commerce and
33 Industry, appointed by the Governor;

34 N. One center-based care representative nominated by the Maine Child Care
35 Directors' Association, appointed by the Governor;

36 O. One Head Start provider nominated by the Maine Head Start Directors'
37 Association, appointed by the Governor;

- 1 P. One family child care provider nominated by an association of family child care
2 providers in the State, appointed by the Governor;
- 3 Q. One person representing Native Americans, appointed by the Governor;
- 4 R. One child care provider who does not receive public funds, appointed by the
5 Governor;
- 6 S. One person representing a nonprofit advocacy organization dedicated to
7 improving the lives of children, youth and their families, appointed by the Governor;
- 8 T. One person associated with a Child Development Services System site, appointed
9 by the Governor;
- 10 U. One person representing a collaborative partnership between the University of
11 Maine and the Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Child Care and
12 Head Start, nominated by the University of Maine Center for Community Inclusion
13 and Disability Studies, appointed by the Governor;
- 14 V. One representative of women nominated by the Maine Women's Lobby,
15 appointed by the Governor;
- 16 W. One direct service provider of child care for school-age children, nominated by
17 the ~~University of Maine at Farmington~~ University of Southern Maine, Maine
18 Afterschool Network, or a successor program, appointed by the Governor;
- 19 W-1. One employee of the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of
20 Licensing and Regulatory Services, appointed by the Governor;
- 21 X. One person representing the University of Southern Maine, Edmund S. Muskie
22 School of Public Service, Maine Roads to Quality, or a successor program, appointed
23 by the Governor;
- 24 Y. A person representing an association of resource development centers in the State,
25 appointed by the Governor; and
- 26 Z. One person representing home-based child care providers, appointed by the
27 Governor.

28 Senators and members of the House of Representatives serve for the duration of the
29 legislative terms that they are serving when appointed. Members from state departments
30 serve at the pleasure of their appointing authorities. All other members serve 3-year
31 terms and may continue to serve beyond their terms until their successors are appointed.
32 If a vacancy occurs before a term has expired, the vacancy must be filled for the
33 remainder of the unexpired term by the authority who made the original appointment. If
34 a member is absent for 2 consecutive meetings and has not been excused by the chair
35 from either meeting, the council may remove the member by majority vote. If a
36 nominating organization does not submit nominations within a reasonable period of time,
37 the appointing authority may fill that organization's seat with a member of the public at
38 large.

39 The council shall determine whether more than ~~28~~ 29 members would assist it in its work
40 under subsections 1 and 5. If a majority of the council votes to request the appointment
41 of additional members, the council shall specify the number of additional members

1 needed and shall convey a request for the appointment of those additional members to the
2 Governor, who shall make the appointments.

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SUMMARY

4 This bill adds a member to the Child Care Advisory Council to include an employee
5 of the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Licensing and Regulatory
6 Services and makes a change to reflect the Maine Afterschool Network's new partnership
7 with the University of Southern Maine.