



101ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

325 ILCS 20/4

from Ch. 23, par. 4154

325 ILCS 20/13.32

Amends the Early Intervention Services System Act. Provides that the Illinois Interagency Council on Early Intervention shall be composed of at least 20 but not more than 35 (rather than 30) members. Provides that the Council shall include: one member who is a representative of the Child Care Assistance Program; and one member who is a representative of the Education for Homeless Children and Youth Program authorized under the federal McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act. In a provision permitting the Department of Human Services to enter into contracts for some or all of its responsibilities under the Act, removes language requiring such contracts to be subject to a request for proposals as described in the Illinois Procurement Code and to be posted on the early intervention website maintained by the Department during the entire bid period. Effective immediately.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT
MAY APPLY

A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning children.

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

4 Section 5. The Early Intervention Services System Act is
5 amended by changing Sections 4 and 13.32 as follows:

6 (325 ILCS 20/4) (from Ch. 23, par. 4154)

7 Sec. 4. Illinois Interagency Council on Early
8 Intervention.

9 (a) There is established the Illinois Interagency Council
10 on Early Intervention. The Council shall be composed of at
11 least 20 but not more than 35 ~~30~~ members. The members of the
12 Council and the designated chairperson of the Council shall be
13 appointed by the Governor. The Council member representing the
14 lead agency may not serve as chairperson of the Council. The
15 Council shall be composed of the following members:

16 (1) The Secretary of Human Services (or his or her
17 designee) and 2 additional representatives of the
18 Department of Human Services designated by the Secretary,
19 plus the Directors (or their designees) of the following
20 State agencies involved in the provision of or payment for
21 early intervention services to eligible infants and
22 toddlers and their families:

23 (A) Department of Insurance; and

1 (B) Department of Healthcare and Family Services.

2 (2) Other members as follows:

3 (A) At least 20% of the members of the Council
4 shall be parents, including minority parents, of
5 infants or toddlers with disabilities or children with
6 disabilities aged 12 or younger, with knowledge of, or
7 experience with, programs for infants and toddlers
8 with disabilities. At least one such member shall be a
9 parent of an infant or toddler with a disability or a
10 child with a disability aged 6 or younger;

11 (B) At least 20% of the members of the Council
12 shall be public or private providers of early
13 intervention services;

14 (C) One member shall be a representative of the
15 General Assembly;

16 (D) One member shall be involved in the preparation
17 of professional personnel to serve infants and
18 toddlers similar to those eligible for services under
19 this Act;

20 (E) Two members shall be from advocacy
21 organizations with expertise in improving health,
22 development, and educational outcomes for infants and
23 toddlers with disabilities;

24 (F) One member shall be a Child and Family
25 Connections manager from a rural district;

26 (G) One member shall be a Child and Family

1 Connections manager from an urban district;

2 (H) One member shall be the co-chair of the
3 Illinois Early Learning Council (or his or her
4 designee); ~~and~~

5 (I) One member shall be a representative of the
6 Child Care Assistance Program;

7 (J) One member shall be a representative of the
8 Education for Homeless Children and Youth Program
9 authorized under the federal McKinney-Vento Homeless
10 Assistance Act; and

11 (K) ~~(I)~~ Members representing the following
12 agencies or entities: the State Board of Education; the
13 Department of Public Health; the Department of
14 Children and Family Services; the University of
15 Illinois Division of Specialized Care for Children;
16 the Illinois Council on Developmental Disabilities;
17 Head Start or Early Head Start; and the Department of
18 Human Services' Division of Mental Health. A member may
19 represent one or more of the listed agencies or
20 entities.

21 The Council shall meet at least quarterly and in such
22 places as it deems necessary. Terms of the initial members
23 appointed under paragraph (2) shall be determined by lot at the
24 first Council meeting as follows: of the persons appointed
25 under subparagraphs (A) and (B), one-third shall serve one year
26 terms, one-third shall serve 2 year terms, and one-third shall

1 serve 3 year terms; and of the persons appointed under
2 subparagraphs (C) and (D), one shall serve a 2 year term and
3 one shall serve a 3 year term. Thereafter, successors appointed
4 under paragraph (2) shall serve 3 year terms. Once appointed,
5 members shall continue to serve until their successors are
6 appointed. No member shall be appointed to serve more than 2
7 consecutive terms.

8 Council members shall serve without compensation but shall
9 be reimbursed for reasonable costs incurred in the performance
10 of their duties, including costs related to child care, and
11 parents may be paid a stipend in accordance with applicable
12 requirements.

13 The Council shall prepare and approve a budget using funds
14 appropriated for the purpose to hire staff, and obtain the
15 services of such professional, technical, and clerical
16 personnel as may be necessary to carry out its functions under
17 this Act. This funding support and staff shall be directed by
18 the lead agency.

19 (b) The Council shall:

20 (1) advise and assist the lead agency in the
21 performance of its responsibilities including but not
22 limited to the identification of sources of fiscal and
23 other support services for early intervention programs,
24 and the promotion of interagency agreements which assign
25 financial responsibility to the appropriate agencies;

26 (2) advise and assist the lead agency in the

1 preparation of applications and amendments to
2 applications;

3 (3) review and advise on relevant regulations and
4 standards proposed by the related State agencies;

5 (4) advise and assist the lead agency in the
6 development, implementation and evaluation of the
7 comprehensive early intervention services system;

8 (4.5) coordinate and collaborate with State
9 interagency early learning initiatives, as appropriate;
10 and

11 (5) prepare and submit an annual report to the Governor
12 and to the General Assembly on the status of early
13 intervention programs for eligible infants and toddlers
14 and their families in Illinois. The annual report shall
15 include (i) the estimated number of eligible infants and
16 toddlers in this State, (ii) the number of eligible infants
17 and toddlers who have received services under this Act and
18 the cost of providing those services, and (iii) the
19 estimated cost of providing services under this Act to all
20 eligible infants and toddlers in this State. The report
21 shall be posted by the lead agency on the early
22 intervention website as required under paragraph (f) of
23 Section 5 of this Act.

24 No member of the Council shall cast a vote on or
25 participate substantially in any matter which would provide a
26 direct financial benefit to that member or otherwise give the

1 appearance of a conflict of interest under State law. All
2 provisions and reporting requirements of the Illinois
3 Governmental Ethics Act shall apply to Council members.

4 (Source: P.A. 97-902, eff. 8-6-12; 98-41, eff. 6-28-13.)

5 (325 ILCS 20/13.32)

6 Sec. 13.32. Contracting. The lead agency may enter into
7 contracts for some or all of its responsibilities under this
8 Act, including but not limited to, credentialing and enrolling
9 providers; training under Section 13.30; maintaining a central
10 billing office; data collection and analysis; establishing and
11 maintaining a computerized case management system accessible
12 to local referral offices and providers; creating and
13 maintaining a system for provider credentialing and
14 enrollment; creating and maintaining the central directory
15 required under subsection (g) of Section 7 of this Act; and
16 program operations. ~~If contracted, the contract shall be~~
17 ~~subject to a public request for proposals as described in the~~
18 ~~Illinois Procurement Code, notwithstanding any exemptions or~~
19 ~~alternative processes that may be allowed for such a contract~~
20 ~~under that Code, and, in addition to the posting requirements~~
21 ~~under that Code, shall be posted on the early intervention~~
22 ~~website maintained by the lead agency during the entire bid~~
23 ~~period. With the exception of contracts with or grants to~~
24 ~~regional intake entities, any of these listed responsibilities~~
25 ~~currently under contract or grant that have not met these~~

1 ~~requirements shall be subject to public bid under this request~~
2 ~~for proposal process no later than July 1, 2002 or the date of~~
3 ~~termination of any contract in place. Contracts with or grants~~
4 ~~to regional intake entities must be made subject to public bid~~
5 ~~under a request for proposals process no later than July 1,~~
6 ~~2005.~~

7 (Source: P.A. 92-307, eff. 8-9-01; 93-147, eff. 1-1-04.)

8 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
9 becoming law.