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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

325 ILCS 20/4

from Ch. 23, par. 4154

Amends the Early Intervention Services System Act. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning the Illinois Interagency Council on Early Intervention.

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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 Section 4 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 ~~the~~ Illinois Interagency
10 Council on Early Intervention. The Council shall be composed of
11 at least 15 but not more than 25 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) Illinois State Board of Education;

1 (B) (Blank);

2 (C) (Blank);

3 (D) Illinois Department of Children and Family
4 Services;

5 (E) University of Illinois Division of Specialized
6 Care for Children;

7 (F) Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family
8 Services;

9 (G) Illinois Department of Public Health;

10 (H) (Blank);

11 (I) Illinois Planning Council on Developmental
12 Disabilities; and

13 (J) Illinois Department of Insurance.

14 (2) Other members as follows:

15 (A) At least 20% of the members of the Council
16 shall be parents, including minority parents, of
17 infants or toddlers with disabilities or children with
18 disabilities aged 12 or younger, with knowledge of, or
19 experience with, programs for infants and toddlers
20 with disabilities. At least one such member shall be a
21 parent of an infant or toddler with a disability or a
22 child with a disability aged 6 or younger;

23 (B) At least 20% of the members of the Council
24 shall be public or private providers of early
25 intervention services;

26 (C) One member shall be a representative of the

1 General Assembly; and

2 (D) One member shall be involved in the preparation
3 of professional personnel to serve infants and
4 toddlers similar to those eligible for services under
5 this Act.

6 The Council shall meet at least quarterly and in such
7 places as it deems necessary. Terms of the initial members
8 appointed under paragraph (2) shall be determined by lot at the
9 first Council meeting as follows: of the persons appointed
10 under subparagraphs (A) and (B), one-third shall serve one year
11 terms, one-third shall serve 2 year terms, and one-third shall
12 serve 3 year terms; and of the persons appointed under
13 subparagraphs (C) and (D), one shall serve a 2 year term and
14 one shall serve a 3 year term. Thereafter, successors appointed
15 under paragraph (2) shall serve 3 year terms. Once appointed,
16 members shall continue to serve until their successors are
17 appointed. No member shall be appointed to serve more than 2
18 consecutive terms.

19 Council members shall serve without compensation but shall
20 be reimbursed for reasonable costs incurred in the performance
21 of their duties, including costs related to child care, and
22 parents may be paid a stipend in accordance with applicable
23 requirements.

24 The Council shall prepare and approve a budget using funds
25 appropriated for the purpose to hire staff, and obtain the
26 services of such professional, technical, and clerical

1 personnel as may be necessary to carry out its functions under
2 this Act. This funding support and staff shall be directed by
3 the lead agency.

4 (b) The Council shall:

5 (1) advise and assist the lead agency in the
6 performance of its responsibilities including but not
7 limited to the identification of sources of fiscal and
8 other support services for early intervention programs,
9 and the promotion of interagency agreements which assign
10 financial responsibility to the appropriate agencies;

11 (2) advise and assist the lead agency in the
12 preparation of applications and amendments to
13 applications;

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

16 (4) advise and assist the lead agency in the
17 development, implementation and evaluation of the
18 comprehensive early intervention services system; and

19 (5) prepare and submit an annual report to the Governor
20 and to the General Assembly on the status of early
21 intervention programs for eligible infants and toddlers
22 and their families in Illinois. The annual report shall
23 include (i) the estimated number of eligible infants and
24 toddlers in this State, (ii) the number of eligible infants
25 and toddlers who have received services under this Act and
26 the cost of providing those services, (iii) the estimated

1 cost of providing services under this Act to all eligible
2 infants and toddlers in this State, and (iv) data and other
3 information as is requested to be included by the
4 Legislative Advisory Committee established under Section
5 13.50 of this Act. The report shall be posted by the lead
6 agency on the early intervention website as required under
7 paragraph (f) of Section 5 of this Act.

8 No member of the Council shall cast a vote on or
9 participate substantially in any matter which would provide a
10 direct financial benefit to that member or otherwise give the
11 appearance of a conflict of interest under State law. All
12 provisions and reporting requirements of the Illinois
13 Governmental Ethics Act shall apply to Council members.

14 (Source: P.A. 95-331, eff. 8-21-07.)