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1 AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 2984

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend Senate Bill 2984 by replacing
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

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~~

1 ~~all young children whose parents choose it.~~ The Council shall
2 guide collaborative efforts to improve and expand upon
3 existing early childhood programs and services, including
4 those related to education and care, such as nutrition,
5 nutrition education, and physical activity, in coordination
6 with the Interagency Nutrition Council. This work shall
7 include making use of existing reports, research, and planning
8 efforts.

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

10 (20 ILCS 3933/10)

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

23 (1) The Secretary of Early Childhood or the
24 Secretary's designee, who shall serve as co-chairperson of
25 the Council.

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

3 (3) ~~(2)~~ The chief administrators of the following
4 State agencies or their designees: ~~Department of Early~~
5 ~~Childhood,~~ the State Board of Education; the Department of
6 Human Services; the Department of Children and Family
7 Services; the Department of Public Health; the Department
8 of Healthcare and Family Services; the Board of Higher
9 Education; and the Illinois Community College Board.

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

12 (5) A representative of a statewide advocacy
13 organization that represents multiple Head Start and Early
14 Head Start providers.

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

16 (7) ~~(3)~~ Local government stakeholders and
17 nongovernment stakeholders with an interest in early
18 childhood care and education, including representation
19 from the following private-sector fields and
20 constituencies: early childhood education and development;
21 child care; child advocacy; parenting support; local
22 community collaborations among early care and education
23 programs and services; maternal and child health; children
24 with special needs; business; labor; and law enforcement.
25 The Governor shall designate one of the members who is a
26 nongovernment stakeholder to serve as co-chairperson of

1 the Council.

2 ~~In addition, the Governor shall request that the Region V~~
3 ~~office of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services'~~
4 ~~Administration for Children and Families appoint a member to~~
5 ~~the Council to represent federal children's programs and~~
6 ~~services.~~

7 Members appointed by General Assembly members and members
8 appointed by the Governor who are local government or
9 nongovernment stakeholders shall serve 3-year terms, except
10 that of the initial appointments, half of these members, as
11 determined by lot, shall be appointed to 2-year terms so that
12 terms are staggered. Members shall serve on a voluntary,
13 unpaid basis.

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

15 (20 ILCS 3933/15)

16 Sec. 15. Management and accountability ~~Accountability~~. The
17 Department of Early Childhood shall provide staffing and
18 administrative support to the Council. The Illinois Early
19 Learning Council shall annually report to the Governor, the
20 ~~and~~ General Assembly, and the Department of Early Childhood on
21 the Council's progress toward ~~towards~~ its goals and
22 objectives.

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

24 (20 ILCS 3933/20 new)

1 Sec. 20. Conflicts of interest. No member of the Council
2 shall cast a vote on or participate substantially in any
3 matter that would provide a direct financial benefit to that
4 member or otherwise give the appearance of a conflict of
5 interest under State law. All provisions and reporting
6 requirements of the Illinois Governmental Ethics Act shall
7 apply to Council members.

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

10 (110 ILCS 28/25)

11 Sec. 25. Advisory committee; membership.

12 (a) The Board of Higher Education, the Illinois Community
13 College Board, the State Board of Education, the Department of
14 Human Services, and the Department of Early Childhood shall
15 jointly convene a Consortium advisory committee to provide
16 guidance on the operation of the Consortium.

17 (b) Membership on the advisory committee shall be
18 comprised of employers and experts appointed by the Board of
19 Higher Education, the Illinois Community College Board, the
20 Department of Early Childhood, the Department of Human
21 Services, and the State Board of Education. Membership shall
22 also include all of the following members:

23 (1) An employer from a community-based child care
24 provider, appointed by the Department of Early Childhood

1 ~~Human Services.~~

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

5 (3) An employer from a nonprofit child care provider,
6 appointed by the Department of Early Childhood ~~Human~~
7 ~~Services.~~

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

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

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

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

16 (8) At least one member who represents a suburban
17 school district, appointed by the State Board of
18 Education.

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

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

24 (11) Two early childhood advocates with statewide
25 expertise in early childhood workforce issues, appointed
26 by the Department of Early Childhood.

1 (12) The Chairperson or Vice-Chairperson and the
2 Minority Spokesperson or a designee of the Senate
3 Committee on Higher Education.

4 (13) The Chairperson or Vice-Chairperson and the
5 Minority Spokesperson or a designee of the House Committee
6 on Higher Education.

7 (14) One member representing the Illinois Community
8 College Board, who shall serve as co-chairperson,
9 appointed by the Illinois Community College Board.

10 (15) One member representing the Board of Higher
11 Education, who shall serve as co-chairperson, appointed by
12 the Board of Higher Education.

13 (16) One member representing the Illinois Student
14 Assistance Commission, appointed by the Illinois Student
15 Assistance Commission.

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

19 (18) One member representing the Department of Early
20 Childhood, who shall serve as co-chairperson, appointed by
21 the Department of Early Childhood.

22 (19) One member representing the Department of Human
23 Services, who shall serve as co-chairperson, appointed by
24 the Department of Human Services.

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

1 (21) One member representing the Department of
2 Children and Family Services, appointed by the Department
3 of Children and Family Services.

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

7 (23) One member of a union representing child care and
8 early childhood providers, appointed by the Department of
9 Early Childhood ~~Human Services~~.

10 (24) Two members of unions representing higher
11 education faculty, appointed by the Board of Higher
12 Education.

13 (25) A representative from the College of Education of
14 an urban public university, appointed by the Board of
15 Higher Education.

16 (26) A representative from the College of Education of
17 a suburban public university, appointed by the Board of
18 Higher Education.

19 (27) A representative from the College of Education of
20 a rural public university, appointed by the Board of
21 Higher Education.

22 (28) A representative from the College of Education of
23 a private university, appointed by the Board of Higher
24 Education.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

21 (g) The members of the advisory committee shall serve
22 without compensation, but shall be entitled to reimbursement
23 for all necessary expenses incurred in the performance of
24 their official duties as members of the advisory committee
25 from funds appropriated for that purpose.

26 (Source: P.A. 103-588, eff. 6-5-24; 103-594, eff. 6-25-24;

1 104-417, eff. 8-15-25.)".