
ENGROSSED HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 4417

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Read first time . Referred to .

1 WHEREAS, The legislature finds that the early years of a child's
2 life are critical to the child's healthy brain development and the
3 quality of caregiving during those early years can significantly impact
4 the child's intellectual and emotional growth and social adjustment;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, The legislature further finds that early learning programs
7 that are responsive to family economic necessities and changing work
8 force dynamics, yet also strive to preserve family stability and
9 personal responsibility will best support families in preparing for and
10 maintaining children's success in school and life; and

11 WHEREAS, It is therefore the purpose of this concurrent resolution
12 to initiate a process to develop goals for early learning and child
13 care programs throughout the state;

14 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, By the House of Representatives of
15 the State of Washington, the Senate concurring, That:

16 (1) There is established an early learning legislative work group
17 to make recommendations for developing specific goals for early
18 learning programs in the state; and

19 (2) Members of the work group shall be appointed by the speaker of
20 the house of representatives and the president of the senate.

1 Membership of the work group shall consist of members of the house
2 children and family services committee, education committee, and
3 appropriations committee and the senate children and family services
4 and corrections committee, education committee, and ways and means
5 committee. Cochairs of the work group shall be appointed by the
6 speaker of the house of representatives and the president of the
7 senate; and

8 (3) The work group shall:

9 (a) Define legislative expectations and provide policy direction
10 for quality early learning programs;

11 (b) Identify the most efficient ways to improve the administration
12 and fiscal management of quality early learning programs in the state;

13 (c) Consider licensing requirements for preschools and
14 kindergartens in the state; and

15 (d) Seek involvement from families, community groups, educators,
16 and state agencies involved with early learning programs throughout the
17 state; and

18 (4) The work group shall use legislative facilities and staff from
19 the office of program research and senate committee services; and

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the work group shall report its
21 recommendations to the legislature by January 10, 2005.

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