

**ESB 5617 - S AMD 25**

By Senator Kauffman

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1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the  
2 following:

3 "Sec. 1. RCW 43.215.090 and 2007 c 394 s 3 are each amended to  
4 read as follows:

5 (1) The early learning advisory council is established to advise  
6 the department on statewide early learning (~~((community needs and~~  
7 ~~progress))~~ issues that would build a comprehensive system of quality  
8 early learning programs and services for Washington's children and  
9 families by assessing needs and the availability of services, aligning  
10 resources, developing plans for data collection and professional  
11 development of early childhood educators, and establishing key  
12 performance measures.

13 (2) The council shall work in conjunction with the department to  
14 develop a statewide early learning plan that (~~((crosses systems and~~  
15 ~~sectors to promote))~~ guides the department in promoting alignment of  
16 private and public sector actions, objectives, and resources, and (~~((to~~  
17 ~~ensure))~~ ensuring school readiness.

18 (3) The council shall include diverse, statewide representation  
19 from public, nonprofit, and for-profit entities. Its membership shall  
20 reflect regional, racial, and cultural diversity to adequately  
21 represent the needs of all children and families in the state.

22 (4) Councilmembers shall serve two-year terms. However, to stagger  
23 the terms of the council, the initial appointments for twelve of the  
24 members shall be for one year. Once the initial one-year to two-year  
25 terms expire, all subsequent terms shall be for two years, with the  
26 terms expiring on June 30th of the applicable year. The terms shall be  
27 staggered in such a way that, where possible, the terms of members  
28 representing a specific group do not expire simultaneously.

29 (5) The council shall consist of not more than (~~((twenty-five))~~)  
30 twenty-three members, as follows:

1 (a) The governor shall appoint at least one representative from  
2 each of the following: The department, the office of financial  
3 management, the department of social and health services, the  
4 department of health, the higher education coordinating board, and the  
5 state board for community and technical colleges;

6 (b) One representative from the office of the superintendent of  
7 public instruction, to be appointed by the superintendent of public  
8 instruction;

9 (c) The governor shall appoint (~~at least~~) seven leaders in early  
10 childhood education, with at least one representative with experience  
11 or expertise in each of the areas such as the following (~~areas~~):  
12 Children with disabilities, the K-12 system, family day care providers,  
13 and child care centers;

14 (d) Two members of the house of representatives, one from each  
15 caucus, and two members of the senate, one from each caucus, to be  
16 appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives and the  
17 president of the senate, respectively;

18 (e) Two parents, one of whom serves on the department's parent  
19 advisory council, to be appointed by the governor;

20 (f) (~~Two~~) One representative(~~s~~) of the private-public  
21 partnership created in RCW 43.215.070, to be appointed by the  
22 partnership board;

23 (g) One representative designated by sovereign tribal governments;  
24 and

25 (h) One representative from the Washington federation of  
26 independent schools.

27 (6) The council shall be cochaired by one representative of a state  
28 agency and one nongovernmental member, to be elected by the council for  
29 two-year terms.

30 (7) Each member of the board shall be compensated in accordance  
31 with RCW 43.03.240 and reimbursed for travel expenses incurred in  
32 carrying out the duties of the board in accordance with RCW 43.03.050  
33 and 43.03.060.

34 (8) The department shall provide staff support to the council."

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1           On page 1, line 1 of the title, after "council;" strike the  
2 remainder of the title and insert "and amending RCW 43.215.090."

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