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SENATE BILL 635

Short Title: B-3 Interagency Council Changes.-AB

(Public)

Sponsors: Senator Hise (Primary Sponsor).

Referred to: Rules and Operations of the Senate

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1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO MAKE CHANGES TO THE COMPOSITION OF THE B-3 INTERAGENCY
3 COUNCIL.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 115C-64.25 reads as rewritten:

6 "**§ 115C-64.25. Establishment and membership of B-3 Interagency Council.**

7 (a) There is established the B-3 Interagency Council. The Council is a joint council
8 between the Department of Health and Human Services and the Department of Public Instruction
9 and shall consist of ~~12~~20 voting members and four nonvoting advisory members as follows:

- 10 (1) The Superintendent of Public Instruction or the Superintendent's designee
11 shall serve ex officio, with the same rights and privileges, including voting
12 rights, as other members.
- 13 (2) The Associate Superintendent of Early Education at the Department of Public
14 Instruction shall serve ex officio, with the same rights and privileges,
15 including voting rights, as other members.
- 16 (3) The Secretary of Health and Human Services or the Secretary's designee shall
17 serve ex officio, with the same rights and privileges, including voting rights,
18 as other members.
- 19 (4) The Deputy Secretary of Human Services at the Department of Health and
20 Human Services shall serve ex officio, with the same rights and privileges,
21 including voting rights, as other members.
- 22 (5) Four public members appointed by the Speaker of the House of
23 Representatives who represent organizations that focus on early childhood
24 education and ~~development, one of whom shall be a representative of Smart~~
25 ~~Start~~development.
- 26 (6) Four public members appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate
27 who represent organizations that focus on early childhood education and
28 ~~development, one of whom shall be a representative of the North Carolina~~
29 ~~Partnership for Children~~development.
- 30 (7) Two members of the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of
31 the House of Representatives to serve as nonvoting advisory members.
- 32 (8) Two members of the Senate appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the
33 Senate to serve as nonvoting advisory members.
- 34 (9) The Director of the Division of Child Development and Early Education of
35 the Department of Health and Human Services, or his or her designee, shall



1 serve ex officio, with the same rights and privileges, including voting rights,
2 as other members.

3 (10) The Director of the Office of Early Learning of the Department of Public
4 Instruction, or his or her designee, shall serve ex officio, with the same rights
5 and privileges, including voting rights, as other members.

6 (11) The President of the North Carolina Partnership for Children, or his or her
7 designee, shall serve ex officio, with the same rights and privileges, including
8 voting rights, as other members.

9 (12) The Director of the Government Data Analytics Center of the Department of
10 Information Technology, or his or her designee, shall serve ex officio, with
11 the same rights and privileges, including voting rights, as other members.

12 (13) The President of the North Carolina Head Start Association, or his or her
13 designee, shall serve ex officio, with the same rights and privileges, including
14 voting rights, as other members.

15 (14) The Director of the North Carolina Head Start State Collaboration Office of
16 the Department of Public Instruction, or his or her designee, shall serve ex
17 officio, with the same rights and privileges, including voting rights, as other
18 members.

19 (15) The Director of the Academic Programs Section of the Community College
20 System, or his or her designee, shall serve ex officio, with the same rights and
21 privileges, including voting rights, as other members.

22 (16) The Program Coordinator for the North Carolina B-K Higher Education
23 Consortium, or his or her designee, shall serve ex officio, with the same rights
24 and privileges, including voting rights, as other members.

25 The Deputy Secretary of Human Services and the Associate Superintendent of Early
26 Education shall serve as cochairs of the Council. Members of the Council shall receive per diem,
27 subsistence, and travel allowance, as provided in G.S. 120-3.1, 138-5, or 138-6, as appropriate.

28 (b) Terms for all public members and advisory members except for the initial
29 appointments shall be for four years. Two of the public members appointed by the Speaker of the
30 House of Representatives pursuant to subdivision (5) of subsection (a) of this section and one of
31 the advisory members appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives pursuant to
32 subdivision (7) of subsection (a) of this section shall be appointed for an initial term of two years.
33 Two of the public members appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate pursuant to
34 subdivision (6) of subsection (a) of this section and one of the advisory members appointed by
35 the President Pro Tempore of the Senate pursuant to subdivision (8) of subsection (a) of this
36 section shall be appointed for an initial term of two years. Terms for members shall begin on
37 November 1. Members shall serve until their successors are appointed. Any vacancy in the
38 membership of the Council shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment.

39 (c) The Council shall have as its charge establishing a vision and accountability for a
40 birth through grade three system of early education that addresses all of the following:

- 41 (1) Standards and assessment.
- 42 (2) Data-driven improvement and outcomes, including shared accountability
43 measures such as the NC Pathways to Grade-Level Reading.
- 44 (3) Teacher and administrator preparation and effectiveness.
- 45 (4) Instruction and environment.
- 46 (5) Transitions and continuity.
- 47 (6) Family engagement.
- 48 (7) Governance and funding."

49 **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective November 1, 2019, and applies to
50 appointments for members of the B-3 Interagency Council on or after that date.