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ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 194—ASSEMBLYMEN TOLLES, ROBERTS;  
CARRILLO, GORELOW, HANSEN, HARDY, KRASNER,  
LEAVITT, NGUYEN, SPIEGEL, THOMPSON AND TITUS

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JOINT SPONSORS: SENATORS SEEVERS GANSERT,  
KIECKHEFER, SPEARMAN; AND PICKARD

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Referred to Committee on Health and Human Services

SUMMARY—Revises provisions governing the Nevada Early  
Childhood Advisory Council. (BDR 38-862)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.  
Effect on the State: No.

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EXPLANATION – Matter in *bolded italics* is new; matter between brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

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AN ACT relating to children; revising the membership of the  
Nevada Early Childhood Advisory Council; requiring the  
Council to annually submit a report to the Governor and  
the Legislature; and providing other matters properly  
relating thereto.

**Legislative Counsel's Digest:**

1 Existing law establishes the Nevada Early Childhood Advisory Council and  
2 sets forth the minimum membership of the Council, who are required to be  
3 appointed by the Governor. The Governor is authorized to appoint such additional  
4 members to the Council as the Governor determines are necessary. (NRS  
5 432A.076) **Section 1** of this bill requires that the membership of the Council  
6 include a member who is a representative of the pediatric mental, physical or  
7 behavioral health care industry. **Section 1** also requires the Council to annually  
8 submit a report to the Governor and to the Legislature, which must include a  
9 summary of the activities of the Council and any recommendations for  
10 improvements to the early childhood system in this State.

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THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN  
SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1     **Section 1.** NRS 432A.076 is hereby amended to read as  
2 follows:

3     432A.076 1. The Nevada Early Childhood Advisory Council  
4 is hereby established as the state advisory council on early  
5 childhood education and care required to be established pursuant to  
6 42 U.S.C. § 9837b(b)(1)(A)(i). The membership of the Council  
7 must be appointed by the Governor and include, without limitation:

8     (a) One member who is a representative of the Division of  
9 Public and Behavioral Health of the Department whose duties  
10 include responsibility for child care;

11     (b) One member who is a representative of the Department of  
12 Education;

13     (c) One member who is a representative of the Department of  
14 Education whose duties include responsibilities for programs under  
15 section 619 or part C of the Individuals with Disabilities Education  
16 Act, 20 U.S.C. §§ 1400 et seq.;

17     (d) One member who is a representative of the boards of trustees  
18 of the school districts in this State;

19     (e) One member who is a representative of the Nevada System  
20 of Higher Education;

21     (f) One member who is a representative of local providers of  
22 early childhood education and developmental services;

23     (g) One member who is a representative of Head Start agencies  
24 in this State, including, without limitation, migrant and seasonal  
25 Head Start programs and Indian Head Start programs;

26     (h) One member who is appointed or designated pursuant to 42  
27 U.S.C. § 9837b(a)(3)(A);

28     (i) One member who is a representative of the Aging and  
29 Disability Services Division of the Department;

30     (j) One member who is a representative of a nonprofit  
31 organization located in southern Nevada that provides early  
32 childhood education programs;

33     (k) One member who is a representative of a nonprofit  
34 organization located in northern Nevada that provides early  
35 childhood education programs; ~~and~~

36     (l) *One member who is a representative of the pediatric*  
37 *mental, physical or behavioral health care industry; and*

38     (m) Such other members as the Governor determines are  
39 appropriate.

40     2. The Council shall:



1 (a) Work to strengthen state-level coordination and collaboration  
2 among the various sectors and settings of early childhood education  
3 programs.

4 (b) Conduct periodic statewide assessments of needs relating to  
5 the quality and availability of programs and services for children  
6 who are in early childhood education programs.

7 (c) Identify opportunities for and barriers to coordination and  
8 collaboration among early childhood education programs funded in  
9 whole or in part by the Federal Government, the State or a local  
10 government.

11 (d) Develop recommendations for:

12 (1) Increasing the participation of children in early childhood  
13 education programs funded in whole or in part by the Federal  
14 Government, the State or a local government, including, without  
15 limitation, providing information on such programs to  
16 underrepresented and special populations;

17 (2) The establishment or improvement of core elements of  
18 the early childhood system in this State, including, without  
19 limitation, a statewide unified system for collecting data relating to  
20 early childhood education programs;

21 (3) A statewide professional development system for  
22 teachers engaged in early childhood education; and

23 (4) The establishment of statewide standards for early  
24 childhood education programs in this State.

25 (e) Assess the capacity and effectiveness of institutions of  
26 higher education in this State in developing teachers in the field of  
27 early childhood education.

28 (f) Establish, in cooperation with the State Board of Education,  
29 guidelines for evaluating the school readiness of children. The  
30 guidelines must:

31 (1) Be based on national school readiness indicators;

32 (2) Address the following components of school readiness:

33 (I) Physical and developmental health;

34 (II) Social and emotional development;

35 (III) Approaches to learning;

36 (IV) Language and early literacy development; and

37 (V) Cognition and general knowledge.

38 (g) Develop recommendations for increasing parental  
39 involvement and family engagement in early childhood education  
40 programs.

41 (h) Perform such other duties relating to early childhood  
42 education programs as designated by the Governor.

43 3. *On or before December 1 of each year, the Council shall*  
44 *submit a report to the Governor and to the Director of the*  
45 *Legislative Counsel Bureau for transmittal to the Legislative*



1 *Committee on Health Care and the Legislative Committee on*  
2 *Education, if the report is received during an odd-numbered year,*  
3 *or to the next session of the Legislature, if the report is received*  
4 *during an even-numbered year. The report must include, without*  
5 *limitation, a summary of the activities of the Council and any*  
6 *recommendations for improvements to the early childhood system*  
7 *in this State.*

8 **4.** The Council may accept gifts, grants and donations from any  
9 source for the support of the Council in carrying out the provisions  
10 of this section.

11 **Sec. 1.5.** The provisions of subsection 1 of NRS 218D.380 do  
12 not apply to any provision of this act which adds or revises a  
13 requirement to submit a report to the Legislature.

14 **Sec. 2.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2019.

