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Introduced by: Representatives Healy, Barthel, Bordeaux, Borglum, Cwach, Deutsch, Diedrich, Duba, Johns, Johnson (David), Lake, Lesmeister, McCleerey, Peterson (Kent), Pourier, Ring, Schoenfish, Smith (Jamie), and Sullivan and Senators Nesiba, Foster, Heinert, Kennedy, Partridge, Rusch, Solano, Steinhauer, and Youngberg

1 FOR AN ACT ENTITLED, An Act to establish the Early Learning Advisory Council.

2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:

3 Section 1. That the code be amended by adding a NEW SECTION to read:

4 There is hereby established the Early Learning Advisory Council consisting of twelve
5 members appointed by the Governor. The council is established pursuant to the Improving Head
6 Start for School Readiness Act of 2007, as amended to January 1, 2012.

7 Section 2. That the code be amended by adding a NEW SECTION to read:

8 The Governor shall appoint members to the Early Learning Advisory Council who have
9 training, experience, or special knowledge of early childhood education and care. The
10 appointees shall include, to the maximum extent possible:

11 (1) A representative of the Department of Social Services;

12 (2) A representative of the Department of Education;

13 (3) A representative of a local education agency;



- 1 (4) A representative of an institution of higher education in the state;
- 2 (5) A representative of local providers of early childhood education and development
3 services;
- 4 (6) A representative from Head Start agencies in the state, including Indian Head Start
5 programs;
- 6 (7) The state's director of Head Start collaboration;
- 7 (8) A representative of the Department of Health;
- 8 (9) Two parents of a child under the age of six; and
- 9 (10) Representatives of other entities determined to be relevant by the Governor,
10 including those with knowledge and experience in workforce development.

11 Section 3. That the code be amended by adding a NEW SECTION to read:

12 The council shall:

- 13 (1) Collect uniform data from all the early childhood education programs in the state and
14 use the data to conduct research into the economic impact of early childhood
15 education in the state;
- 16 (2) Conduct a statewide needs assessment concerning the quality and availability of early
17 childhood education and development programs and services for children from birth
18 to age five, including an assessment of the availability of high quality preschool
19 opportunities for low-income children in the state;
- 20 (3) Identify opportunities for, and barriers to, collaboration and coordination among
21 existing child development, child care, private child care providers, and early
22 childhood education programs and services, including collaboration and coordination
23 among the state agencies responsible for administering the various programs;
- 24 (4) Develop a report including recommendations for increasing the overall participation

1 of children in existing early childhood education programs, including outreach to
2 underrepresented and special populations; and

3 (5) Identify any potential new funding sources that the state or other entities could use
4 to increase the early childhood education opportunities available to children in the
5 state.

6 Section 4. That the code be amended by adding a NEW SECTION to read:

7 All staff services required by the council shall be provided by the Department of Education,
8 and all expenses incurred in carrying out the work of the council, including the per diem for
9 council members who are not state employees and travel expenses shall be paid out of funds
10 appropriated or otherwise provided to the Department of Education.

11 Section 5. That the code be amended by adding a NEW SECTION to read:

12 The council shall meet four times within the year, and report the council findings and
13 recommendations to the Legislature. The report shall also be available to the public.