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

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

Referred to Committee on Health and Human Services

SUMMARY—Revises provisions governing the membership of 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.

AN ACT relating to children; revising the membership of the Nevada Early Childhood Advisory Council; 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) This bill requires that the membership of the Council include a member
6 who is a representative of the pediatric mental, physical or behavioral health care
7 industry.

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



1 childhood education and care required to be established pursuant to
2 42 U.S.C. § 9837b(b)(1)(A)(i). The membership of the Council
3 must be appointed by the Governor and include, without limitation:

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

7 (b) One member who is a representative of the Department of
8 Education;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

26 (j) One member who is a representative of a nonprofit
27 organization located in southern Nevada that provides early
28 childhood education programs;

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

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

34 (m) Such other members as the Governor determines are
35 appropriate.

36 2. The Council shall:

37 (a) Work to strengthen state-level coordination and collaboration
38 among the various sectors and settings of early childhood education
39 programs.

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

43 (c) Identify opportunities for and barriers to coordination and
44 collaboration among early childhood education programs funded in



1 whole or in part by the Federal Government, the State or a local
2 government.

3 (d) Develop recommendations for:

4 (1) Increasing the participation of children in early childhood
5 education programs funded in whole or in part by the Federal
6 Government, the State or a local government, including, without
7 limitation, providing information on such programs to
8 underrepresented and special populations;

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

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

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

17 (e) Assess the capacity and effectiveness of institutions of
18 higher education in this State in developing teachers in the field of
19 early childhood education.

20 (f) Establish, in cooperation with the State Board of Education,
21 guidelines for evaluating the school readiness of children. The
22 guidelines must:

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

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

25 (I) Physical and developmental health;

26 (II) Social and emotional development;

27 (III) Approaches to learning;

28 (IV) Language and early literacy development; and

29 (V) Cognition and general knowledge.

30 (g) Develop recommendations for increasing parental
31 involvement and family engagement in early childhood education
32 programs.

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

35 3. The Council may accept gifts, grants and donations from any
36 source for the support of the Council in carrying out the provisions
37 of this section.

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



