

IC 12-17.2-3.3

Chapter 3.3. Committee on Child Care

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"Committee"

Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "committee" refers to the committee on child care established by section 2 of this chapter.

As added by P.L.126-2007, SEC.2.

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Establishment of committee; membership

Sec. 2. (a) The committee on child care is established.

(b) The committee consists of the following voting members:

(1) Two (2) members of the house of representatives appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives. Members appointed under this subdivision may not be members of the same political party.

(2) Two (2) members of the senate appointed by the president pro tempore of the senate. Members appointed under this subdivision may not be members of the same political party.

(3) The director of the division of family resources or the director's designee.

(4) The commissioner of the department of workforce development or the commissioner's designee.

(5) The secretary of commerce appointed under IC 5-28-3-4 or the secretary's designee.

(6) The state fire marshal or the state fire marshal's designee.

(7) The state superintendent of public instruction or the superintendent's designee.

(8) The commissioner of the state department of health or the commissioner's designee.

(9) One (1) representative of a private business that employs less than fifty (50) employees, appointed by the president pro tempore of the senate.

(10) One (1) representative of a private business that employs more than one hundred (100) employees, appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives.

(11) One (1) individual who is a child care advocate and who does not operate or administer a child care program (as defined in IC 12-17.2-3.5-1.2), appointed by the president pro tempore of the senate.

(c) The president pro tempore of the senate shall appoint a member described in subsection (b)(2) as chairperson of the committee in even-numbered years.

(d) The speaker of the house of representatives shall appoint a member described in subsection (b)(1) as chairperson of the committee in odd-numbered years.

As added by P.L.126-2007, SEC.2.

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Operation of committee

Sec. 3. The committee shall operate under the policies governing study committees adopted by the legislative council. However, the committee shall meet throughout the year at the call of the chairperson, except when the general assembly is in session.

As added by P.L.126-2007, SEC.2.

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Votes required for action

Sec. 4. The affirmative votes of a majority of the voting members appointed to the committee are required for the committee to take action on any measure, including final reports.

As added by P.L.126-2007, SEC.2.

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Purpose

Sec. 5. (a) The committee shall:

- (1) study the system of child care regulation; and
- (2) report and make recommendations concerning the system of child care regulation to the legislative council in an electronic format under IC 5-14-6 not later than October 31 of each year.

(b) The committee's recommendations under subsection (a) must further the following child care regulation purposes:

- (1) To provide support for families in need of reliable, high quality child care.
- (2) To encourage and support high quality child care providers.
- (3) To allow for a variety of methods of child care provision and allow each family to determine the method preferred for the family's children.
- (4) To promote access to available and affordable child care by parents.
- (5) To encourage the state to access all available federal funds for child care.

(c) The committee's program of study must include consideration of the following:

- (1) The effect of child care and child care regulation on families.
- (2) Encouragement of high quality child care.
- (3) Issues related to the child care workforce, including job satisfaction, compensation, and turnover.
- (4) A review of child care models.
- (5) Ensuring the safety of children.
- (6) Any need for reorganization and refocusing of governmental agencies responsible for regulation of child care.
- (7) Parental rights.

As added by P.L.126-2007, SEC.2.