

1 **CHILD CARE TASK FORCE**

2 **REAUTHORIZATION**

3 1999 GENERAL SESSION

4 STATE OF UTAH

5 **Sponsor: Sheryl L. Allen**

6 AN ACT RELATING TO CHILD CARE; REAUTHORIZING THE CHILD CARE TASK
7 FORCE; PROVIDING FOR MEMBERSHIP; PROVIDING DUTIES AND REQUIRING AN
8 INTERIM REPORT; PROVIDING A \$22,000 APPROPRIATION FOR FISCAL YEAR
9 1999-2000; PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE; AND PROVIDING A
10 REPEAL DATE.

11 This act enacts uncodified material.

12 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

13 Section 1. **Child Care Task Force -- Reauthorization -- Membership -- Quorum --**
14 **Staff.**

15 (1) (a) There is reauthorized the Child Care Task Force consisting of the following 18
16 members:

17 (i) three members of the Senate appointed by the president of the Senate, no more than two
18 of whom may be from the same political party;

19 (ii) three members of the House of Representatives appointed by the speaker of the House
20 of Representatives, no more than two of whom may be from the same political party;

21 (iii) one member shall be a leader from the religious community;

22 (iv) three members shall represent private sector employers;

23 (v) one member shall be from the Department of Health;

24 (vi) one member shall be from the Department of Workforce Services;

25 (vii) one member shall be from the State Office of Education;

26 (viii) one member shall be a rural in-home child care provider;

27 (ix) one member shall be a child care provider at a private facility; and

28 (x) three members shall be parents.

29 (b) The members listed in Subsections (1)(a)(iii) through (x) shall be appointed by the
30 president of the Senate and the speaker of the House of Representatives.

31 (2) (a) The president of the Senate shall designate a member of the Senate appointed under
32 Subsection (1)(a)(i) as a cochair of the task force.

33 (b) The speaker of the House of Representatives shall designate a member of the House
34 of Representatives appointed under Subsection (1)(a)(ii) as a cochair of the task force.

35 (3) (a) A majority of the members of the task force constitute a quorum.

36 (b) The action of a majority of the quorum constitutes the action of the task force.

37 (4) (a) Salaries and expenses of the legislative members of the task force shall be paid in
38 accordance with Section 36-2-2 and Legislative Joint Rule 15.03.

39 (b) Members of the task force who are not legislators receive no additional compensation
40 for their work associated with the task force.

41 (5) The Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel shall provide staff support to
42 the task force.

43 **Section 2. Duties -- Interim report.**

44 (1) The task force shall review and make recommendations on the following issues:

45 (a) affordability and quality, including child care provider training;

46 (b) technical assistance for child care centers;

47 (c) infants and children with special needs;

48 (d) child care supply accessibility, and whether unmet needs exist;

49 (e) the legitimate role of public and private entities with respect to child care;

50 (f) child development and enrichment programs; and

51 (g) rules and regulations to:

52 (i) determine the additional cost incurred because of current regulation to a typical
53 individual provider and to child care providers as a whole; and

54 (ii) recommend ways to help decrease the cost to and regulation of private child care
55 providers.

56 (2) A final report, including any proposed legislation, shall be presented to the Workforce
57 Services Interim Committee and the Health and Human Services Interim Committee before
58 November 30, 1999.

59 Section 3. **Appropriation.**

60 Except as provided in H.B. 4, Appropriations Coordination Act, there is appropriated from
61 the General Fund for fiscal year 1999-2000:

62 (1) \$3,500 to the Senate to pay for the compensation and expenses of senators on the task
63 force;

64 (2) \$3,500 to the House of Representatives to pay for compensation and expenses of
65 representatives on the task force; and

66 (3) \$15,000 to the Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel to pay for staffing
67 the task force.

68 Section 4. **Effective date.**

69 If approved by two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, this act takes effect
70 upon approval by the governor, or the day following the constitutional time limit of Utah
71 Constitution Article VII, Section 8, without the governor's signature, or in the case of a veto, the
72 date of veto override.

73 Section 5. **Repeal date.**

74 This act is repealed November 30, 1999.

Legislative Review Note **as of 12-3-98 2:00 PM**

This legislation raises the following constitutional or statutory concerns:

Based on separation of powers concerns raised by the Utah Supreme Court in In re Young, 347, Utah Adv. Rep. 26, No. 970032 (July 10,1998), it may be unconstitutional for executive branch members to serve on a task force exercising legislative powers or functions.

Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel

Committee Note

The Health and Human Services Interim Committee recommended this bill.

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