

CHILD CARE TASK FORCE

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STATE OF UTAH

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AN ACT RELATING TO CHILD CARE; CREATING THE CHILD CARE TASK FORCE;
PROVIDING FOR MEMBERSHIP; PROVIDING DUTIES AND REQUIRING AN INTERIM
REPORT; PROVIDING A \$22,000 APPROPRIATION FOR FISCAL YEAR 1998-99;
PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE; AND PROVIDING A REPEAL DATE.

This act enacts uncodified material.

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

Section 1. Child Care Task Force -- Creation -- Membership -- Quorum -- Staff.

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

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

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

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

(iv) three members shall represent private sector employers;

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

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

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

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

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

(x) three members shall be parents.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Section 2. Duties -- Interim report.

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

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

(b) technical assistance for child care centers;

(c) infants and children with special needs;

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

(e) the legitimate role of state government with respect to child care;

(f) child development and enrichment programs; and

(g) rules and regulations to:

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

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

(2) A final report, including any proposed legislation, shall be presented to the Workforce Services Interim Committee and the Health and Human Services Interim Committee before November 30, 1998.

Section 3. Appropriation.

There is appropriated from the General Fund for fiscal year 1998-99:

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

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

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

Section 4. Effective date.

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

Section 5. Repeal date.

This act is repealed November 30, 1998.