

EARLY LEARNING TASK FORCE

2018 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Bruce R. Cutler

Senate Sponsor: Ann Millner

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill creates the Early Learning Task Force.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- ▶ creates the Early Learning Task Force, including provisions related to:
 - task force membership;
 - quorum requirements;
 - compensation; and
 - task force duties.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

This bill provides a repeal date for the task force.

Utah Code Sections Affected:

ENACTS:

36-29-103, Utah Code Annotated 1953

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

Section 1. Section **36-29-103** is enacted to read:

36-29-103. Early Learning Task Force.



28 (1) As used in this section:

29 (a) "Early learning" means learning that takes place in the home or outside the home by
30 a child who:

31 (i) is younger than six years old; and

32 (ii) has not started kindergarten.

33 (b) "Task force" means the Early Learning Task Force created in this section.

34 (2) There is created the Early Learning Task Force consisting of the following
35 members:

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

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

40 (c) one member of the State Board of Education appointed by the chair of the State
41 Board of Education;

42 (d) the superintendent of public instruction or the superintendent's designee; and

43 (e) the director of the Office of Child Care, created in Section [35A-3-202](#), or the
44 director's designee.

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

47 (b) The speaker of the House of Representatives shall designate a member of the House
48 of Representatives appointed under Subsection (2)(b) as a cochair of the task force.

49 (4) (a) A majority of the members of the task force constitutes a quorum.

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

51 (5) (a) Salaries and expenses of the members of the task force who are legislators shall
52 be paid in accordance with Section [36-2-2](#) and Legislative Joint Rules, Title 5, Chapter 3,
53 Legislator Compensation.

54 (b) A member of the task force who is not a legislator:

55 (i) may not receive compensation for the member's work associated with the task force;
56 and

57 (ii) may receive per diem and reimbursement for travel expenses incurred as a member
58 of the task force at the rates established by the Division of Finance under Sections [63A-3-106](#)

59 and [63A-3-107](#).

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

62 (7) The task force shall, using the study related to early childhood services and
63 resources described in Section [35A-3-208](#) as a framework:

64 (a) review early learning in Utah; and

65 (b) make policy recommendations aimed at increasing kindergarten readiness.

66 (8) On or before November 30, 2018, the task force shall present a report, including
67 any proposed legislation, to:

68 (a) the Education Interim Committee; and

69 (b) the Economic Development and Workforce Services Interim Committee.

70 Section 2. **Repeal date.**

71 Section [36-29-103](#) is repealed on May 14, 2019.

Legislative Review Note
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