

Representative Bruce R. Cutler proposes the following substitute bill:

EARLY CHILDHOOD 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 Childhood Task Force.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- ▶ creates the Early Childhood 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.

Utah Code Sections Affected:

ENACTS:

36-29-103, Utah Code Annotated 1953

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



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

27 **36-29-103. Early Childhood Task Force.**

28 (1) As used in this section:

29 (a) "Early childhood" means the period of time when a child:

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

31 (ii) has not entered kindergarten.

32 (b) "Task force" means the Early Childhood Task Force created in this section.

33 (2) There is created the Early Childhood Task Force consisting of the following

34 members:

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

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

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

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

42 (e) the director of the Department of Workforce Services or the director's designee;

43 (f) the director of the Department of Health or the director's designee;

44 (g) the director of the Department of Human Services or the director's designee;

45 (h) an individual who represents a public or nonprofit nationally accredited early

46 childhood education center, appointed by the president of the Senate; and

47 (i) an individual who represents a licensed private childcare provider, appointed by the
48 speaker of the House of Representatives.

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

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

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

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

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

57 Legislator Compensation.

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

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

60 and

61 (ii) may receive per diem and reimbursement for travel expenses incurred as a member

62 of the task force at the rates established by the Division of Finance under Sections [63A-3-106](#)

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

64 (6) The Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel shall provide staff support

65 to the task force.

66 (7) Using the study described in Section [35A-3-208](#) as a framework, the task force

67 shall make policy recommendations related to a comprehensive state strategy for early

68 childhood to ensure that children are prepared to succeed academically.

69 (8) On or before November 30, 2018, the task force shall provide a report, including

70 any proposed legislation, to:

71 (a) the Education Interim Committee;

72 (b) the Economic Development and Workforce Services Interim Committee; and

73 (c) the Health and Human Services Interim Committee.

74 **Section 2. Repeal date.**

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