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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1363

By: Representative Hobbs

By: Senator Holland

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO EXPAND THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE ARKANSAS EARLY
CHILDHOOD COMMISSION; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO EXPAND THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE ARKANSAS
EARLY CHILDHOOD COMMISSION.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-45-103(3), concerning the Arkansas Early Childhood Commission, is amended to read as follows:

(3) "Arkansas Early Childhood Commission" or "commission" means a ~~twenty-four~~ twenty-five member advisory body appointed by the Governor to perform certain duties and responsibilities relating to the development, expansion, and coordination of early childhood programs, including, but not limited to, serving as the advisory body to the Department of Education on early childhood program issues;

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 20-78-501(a)-(b), concerning the Arkansas Early Childhood Commission, is amended to read as follows:

(a)(1) There is hereby established the Arkansas Early Childhood Commission, to be composed of ~~twenty-four (24)~~ twenty-five (25) members.

(2) The chair of the commission shall be selected annually by majority vote of the commission.

(b) The following members of the commission shall be appointed by the Governor, subject to confirmation by the Senate:



(1) Three (3) members affiliated with child care provider agencies, organizations, or programs, of which one (1) of the members shall be affiliated with a family child care home;

(2) One (1) member affiliated with the Arkansas Head Start State Collaboration Office;

(3) One (1) member affiliated with a Head Start program;

(4) One (1) member affiliated with an Early Head Start program;

(5) One (1) member affiliated with a Migrant/Seasonal Head Start program;

(6) One (1) member affiliated with a Home Instruction Program for Preschool Youngsters;

(7) One (1) member employed as an administrator by a public school district;

(8) One (1) member employed by a public school district as a teacher with early childhood responsibilities;

(9) One (1) member trained as an early childhood education professional;

(10) One (1) member who is a parent of a child who attends a child care program;

(11) Two (2) members representing the business community who have an interest in early childhood education;

(12) One (1) member representing the Arkansas Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics;

(13) One (1) member representing the Arkansas Chapter of the American Academy of Family Physicians; ~~and~~

(14) One (1) member who is a clinical provider of childhood behavioral and mental health services specializing in prevention and early intervention-; and

(15) One (1) member representing the Arkansas Association of Colleges for Teacher Education, Council of Deans.

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