

HOUSE AMENDMENT 2 TO hb2088.

inserting "- Oversight committee" on line 18 on page 5 between "Education" and the period
(.)

AND

inserting a new subsection on line 33 on page 7 to read as follows:

"(c) (1) There is created the Division of Child Care and Early Childhood Education Oversight and Evaluation Committee, which shall be composed as follows:

(A) The Chairman of the House Education Committee;

(B) The Chairman of the Senate Education Committee;

(C) One (1) member of the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker;

(D) One (1) member of the Senate appointed by the President Pro Tempore;

(E) The Director of the Department of Education or his designee;

(F) The Director of the Department of Higher Education or his designee;

(G) The Director of the Department of Health or his designee;

(H) One (1) person appointed by the Arkansas Child Care Providers Association;

(I) One (1) person appointed by the Arkansas Head Start Association;

(J) One (1) kindergarten teacher appointed by the Arkansas Education Association;

(K) One (1) Arkansas Better Chance program provider appointed by the Director of the Division of Child Care and Early Childhood Education;

(L) One (1) school district superintendent appointed by the Arkansas Association of Educational Administrators; and

(M) One (1) professor of early childhood education from Arkansas State University or the University of Arkansas at Little Rock appointed by the Governor.

(2) (A) The committee shall meet at least once each quarter and shall elect a chairman from among themselves at the first meeting.

(B) When a vacancy occurs in the membership of the board, a successor will be appointed in the same manner as the person succeeded.

(C) The members of the committee are authorized to receive reimbursement for actual expenses while performing the work of the committee in accordance with Section 25-16-901 et seq.

(3) The powers and duties of the committee shall include, but are not limited to, the following:

(A) To meet quarterly with the Director and staff of the Division of

Child Care and Early Childhood Education for the purpose of reviewing and evaluating Division programs;

(B) To solicit information from educators and child care providers;

(C) To ensure quality standards of protection for children in day care and early childhood educational programs;

(D) To review recommendations regarding educational qualifications for directors and staff of day care centers; and

(E) To oversee professional development programs for early childhood program providers.

(4) The committee shall complete its work and report to the Governor and the appropriate subcommittee of the Joint Budget Committee on or before October 1, 1998, and again on or before October 1, 2000, and shall cease to exist as of December 31, 2000."

AND

deleting "(c)" on line 33 on page 7 and substituting "(d) (1)"

AND

deleting "Senate Committee on Children and Youth and the House Subcommittee on Children and Youth of the House Committee on Aging, Children and Youth, Legislative and Military Affairs" on lines 1 through 3 on page 8 and substituting "House and Senate Committees on Education"

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deleting "" on line 7 on page 8

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inserting a new subdivision on line 8 on page 8 to read as follows:

"(2) No later than October 1, 2000, the subcommittee shall forward a recommendation to the Governor and the Joint Budget Committee and a determination of the status of the Division of Child Care and Early Childhood Education shall be made prior to the 2001 General Assembly."