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Senate Bill No. 749

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The Committee on Human Services reported through SEN. DOYLE of the 9th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING THE INCLUSION OF THE CHILDREN'S TRUST FUND IN THE EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION CABINET.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (b) of section 10-16s of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
3 *October 1, 2009*):

4 (b) (1) There shall be an Early Childhood Education Cabinet. The
5 cochairpersons of the cabinet shall be the Governor, or the Governor's
6 designee, and the Commissioner of Education, or the commissioner's
7 designee. The cabinet shall consist of the Secretary of the Office of
8 Policy and Management or the secretary's designee, the
9 Commissioners of Social Services, Higher Education, Public Health,
10 Children and Families and Developmental Services or the
11 commissioners' designees, the cochairpersons of each of the joint
12 standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of
13 matters relating to education and human services or the
14 cochairpersons' designees, the executive director of the Commission on

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OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill adds the executive director of the Children's Trust Fund to the Early Childhood Cabinet, and as members of the cabinet are not reimbursed for any expenses, the bill does not result in a fiscal impact.

The Out Years

None

OLR Bill Analysis**SB 749*****AN ACT CONCERNING THE INCLUSION OF THE CHILDREN'S TRUST FUND IN THE EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION CABINET.*****SUMMARY:**

This bill increases the membership of the Early Childhood Education Cabinet, from 15 to 16, by adding the executive director of the Children's Trust Fund.

Currently, the cabinet is chaired by the governor and the education commissioner or their designees. The other cabinet members are the following state officials or their designees:

1. the Office of Policy and Management secretary;
2. the commissioners of social services, higher education, children and families, public health, and developmental services;
3. the co-chairpersons of the Education and Human Services committees;
4. the executive director of the Commission on Children;
5. a representative of a local or regional school readiness council appointed by the Senate president pro tempore; and
6. a representative of the Connecticut Head Start Association appointed by the speaker of the House.

The Early Childhood Education Cabinet (1) advises the education commissioner on school readiness issues; (2) develops plans on accountability, quality improvement, preschool facilities, early care, and education workforce; and (3) studies student progress from

preschool through the third grade.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2009

BACKGROUND

Children's Trust Fund

The Children's Trust Fund is an independent agency established to prevent child abuse by identifying at-risk parents and providing them with prevention services.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Select Committee on Children

Joint Favorable Change of Reference
Yea 11 Nay 0 (02/10/2009)

Human Services Committee

Joint Favorable
Yea 12 Nay 6 (02/26/2009)