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PUBLIC ACT SUMMARY



PA 14-132—HB 5323

Human Services Committee

AN ACT CONCERNING THE CHILD POVERTY AND PREVENTION COUNCIL

SUMMARY: This act adds three members, or their designees, to the Child Poverty and Prevention Council: the (1) housing commissioner, (2) agriculture commissioner, and (3) executive director of the Office of Early Childhood. By law, the council terminates on June 30, 2015.

The law requires budgeted state agencies that provide prevention services to children and are members of the council to report to the council annually by November 1. By law, “prevention services” are policies and programs that promote healthy, safe, and productive lives. Their purposes include reducing crime, violence, substance abuse, illness, academic failure, and other socially destructive behavior.

In addition to existing requirements, the act requires these agency reports to include (1) a list of agency programs that provide prevention services, (2) actual prevention service expenditures for the most recently completed fiscal year, and (3) agency expenditures on prevention services as a percentage of all agency expenditures.

For 2015 through 2020, the act directs budgeted state agencies that provide prevention services to submit these reports, annually by November 1, to the Appropriations, Children’s, and Human Services committees.

Finally, the act eliminates a requirement that the governor’s budget include a prevention report corresponding with goals the council established. Prior law required this report, within available appropriations, for each biennial budget through June 30, 2021.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

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