



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 1008

LCO No. 4258



Referred to Committee on COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN

Introduced by:
(KID)

AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN INFANT AND TODDLER SERVICES BOARD.

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

- 1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established an
2 Infant and Toddler Services Board. Such board shall formulate a
3 strategic plan to ensure the health and well-being of children ages birth
4 to three, inclusive, in the state.
- 5 (b) The board shall consist of the following members:
- 6 (1) Two appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives;
- 7 (2) Two appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate;
- 8 (3) One appointed by the majority leader of the House of
9 Representatives;
- 10 (4) One appointed by the majority leader of the Senate;
- 11 (5) One appointed by the minority leader of the House of

12 Representatives;

13 (6) One appointed by the minority leader of the Senate;

14 (7) The Commissioner of Early Childhood, or the commissioner's
15 designee;

16 (8) The Commissioner of Children and Families, or the
17 commissioner's designee;

18 (9) The Commissioner of Public Health, or the commissioner's
19 designee;

20 (10) The Commissioner of Social Services, or the commissioner's
21 designee;

22 (11) The Child Advocate, or the Child Advocate's designee; and

23 (12) The executive director of the Commission on Children, or the
24 executive director's designee.

25 (c) All appointments to the board shall be made not later than thirty
26 days after the effective date of this section. Any vacancy shall be filled
27 by the appointing authority.

28 (d) The speaker of the House of Representatives and the president
29 pro tempore of the Senate shall select two chairpersons of the board
30 from among the members of the board. Such chairpersons shall
31 schedule the first meeting of the board, which shall be held not later
32 than sixty days after the effective date of this section.

33 (e) The administrative staff of the joint standing committee of the
34 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to children
35 shall serve as administrative staff of the task force.

36 (f) Not later than January 1, 2016, and annually thereafter, the board
37 shall submit a report on its findings, including any recommendations
38 for administrative or legislative action, to the joint standing

39 committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
40 relating to children, public health and social services, in accordance
41 with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To create an Infant and Toddler Services Board to formulate a strategic plan to ensure the health and well-being of children ages birth to three, inclusive, in the state.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]