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Senate Bill No. 1008

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The Committee on Children reported through SEN. BARTOLOMEO of the 13th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the bill ought to pass.

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

KID *Joint Favorable*

The following Fiscal Impact Statement and Bill Analysis are prepared for the benefit of the members of the General Assembly, solely for purposes of information, summarization and explanation and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose. In general, fiscal impacts are based upon a variety of informational sources, including the analyst's professional knowledge. Whenever applicable, agency data is consulted as part of the analysis, however final products do not necessarily reflect an assessment from any specific department.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 16 \$	FY 17 \$
Various State Agencies	GF - Potential Cost	less than \$1,000	less than \$1,000

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

There may be a cost of less than \$1,000 to agencies participating in the Infant and Toddler Services Board, established under the bill, to reimburse agency staff for mileage expenses.

The Out Years

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to inflation.

OLR Bill Analysis**SB 1008*****AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN INFANT AND TODDLER SERVICES BOARD.*****SUMMARY:**

This bill creates a 14-member Infant and Toddler Services Board to formulate a strategic plan to ensure the health and well-being of children from birth through age three. The board must report its findings annually, beginning by January 1, 2016, to the Children's, Public Health, and Human Services committees, and include in the report any recommendations for administrative or legislative action.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

BOARD MEMBERSHIP

The members of the board include the following six state officials or their designees: the child advocate, the executive director of the Commission on Children, and the commissioners of early childhood, children and families, public health, and social services. Eight members are appointed by legislative leaders, as follows: two members each appointed by the House speaker and Senate president pro tempore, and one member each appointed by the House and Senate majority and minority leaders.

Appointments to the board must be made no later than 30 days after the bill's passage. The appointing authorities must fill any vacancies.

The House speaker and Senate president must select two board members to serve as chairpersons. The chairpersons must schedule the board's first meeting, which must occur no later than 60 days from the bill's passage. The administrative staff of the Committee on Children staff the board.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Committee on Children

Joint Favorable

Yea 13 Nay 0 (03/05/2015)