

1 AN ACT relating to child care.

2 ***Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:***

3 ➔Section 1. KRS 199.8983 is amended to read as follows:

- 4 (1) There is hereby created the Kentucky Child Care Advisory Council to be composed  
5 of eighteen (18) members. The members appointed by the Governor shall serve a  
6 term of three (3) years. The appointed members of the council shall be  
7 geographically and culturally representative of the population of the  
8 Commonwealth. For administrative purposes, the council shall be attached to the  
9 department. The members shall be as follows:
- 10 (a) The commissioner of the department, or ***his or her*** designee;
  - 11 (b) Four (4) members appointed by the Governor representing child-care center  
12 providers licensed pursuant to this chapter;
  - 13 (c) Two (2) members appointed by the Governor representing family child-care  
14 home providers licensed pursuant to this chapter;
  - 15 (d) Three (3) members appointed by the Governor who are parents, de facto  
16 custodians, guardians, or legal custodians of children receiving services from  
17 child-care centers or family child-care homes licensed pursuant to this  
18 chapter;
  - 19 (e) Three (3) members appointed by the Governor from the private sector who are  
20 knowledgeable about education, health, and development of children;
  - 21 (f) The director of the Division of Child Care within the department, or ***his or***  
22 ***her*** designee, as a nonvoting ex officio member;
  - 23 (g) The commissioner of education, Education and Workforce Development  
24 Cabinet, or ***his or her*** designee, as a nonvoting ex officio member;
  - 25 (h) The executive director of the Governor's Office of Early Childhood, or ***his or***  
26 ***her*** designee, as a nonvoting ex officio member;
  - 27 (i) The commissioner of the Department for Public Health within the cabinet, or

- 1            ***his or her*** designee, as a nonvoting ex officio member; and
- 2            (j) The state fire marshal, Public Protection Cabinet, or ***his or her*** designee, as a
- 3            nonvoting ex officio member;
- 4            (2) The council shall have two (2) co-chairpersons. One (1) co-chairperson shall be the
- 5            commissioner of the department, or designee, and one (1) co-chairperson shall be
- 6            elected by the voting members of the council.
- 7            (3) Members shall serve until a successor has been appointed. If a vacancy on the
- 8            council occurs, the Governor shall appoint a replacement for the remainder of the
- 9            unexpired term.
- 10          (4) Members shall serve without compensation but shall be reimbursed for reasonable
- 11          and necessary expenses in accordance with state travel expenses and reimbursement
- 12          administrative regulations.
- 13          (5) The council shall meet at least quarterly and at other times upon call of the co-
- 14          chairpersons.
- 15          (6) The council shall advise the cabinet on matters affecting the operations, funding,
- 16          and licensing of child-care centers and family child-care homes. The council shall
- 17          provide input and recommendations for ways to improve quality, access, and
- 18          outcomes.
- 19          (7) The council shall make an annual report by December 1 that provides summaries
- 20          and recommendations to address the availability, affordability, accessibility, and
- 21          quality of child care in the Commonwealth. A copy of the annual report shall be
- 22          provided to the secretary, the Governor, the Legislative Research Commission, and
- 23          the Child Welfare Oversight and Advisory Committee established in KRS 6.943.