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## SENATE BILL NO. 132

Introduced by: Senators Sutton, Frerichs, Haverly, Heinert, Kennedy, Killer, Nesiba, Peters, and White and Representatives Holmes, Ahlers, Barthel, Bartling, Bordeaux, Diedrich, Hawley, Johns, Johnson, Kettwig, Lesmeister, McCleerey, Ring, Rozum, Schoenfish, Smith, and Wismer

1 FOR AN ACT ENTITLED, An Act to establish the Early Learning Advisory Council.

2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:

3 Section 1. That the code be amended by adding a NEW SECTION to read:

4 There is hereby established the Early Learning Advisory Council consisting of twelve  
5 members appointed by the Governor. The council is established pursuant to the Improving Head  
6 Start for School Readiness Act of 2007, as amended to January 1, 2012.

7 Section 2. That the code be amended by adding a NEW SECTION to read:

8 The Governor shall appoint members to the Early Learning Advisory Council who have  
9 training, experience, or special knowledge of early childhood education and care. The  
10 appointees shall include one representative from each of the following:

- 11 (1) The Department of Education;
- 12 (2) The Department of Health;
- 13 (3) The Department of Social Services;
- 14 (4) The Legislature;



- 1 (5) A local education agency;
- 2 (6) An institution of higher education;
- 3 (7) A provider of early childhood education;
- 4 (8) A provider of Head Start;
- 5 (9) A provider of tribal Head Start;
- 6 (10) The state's director of Head Start collaboration;
- 7 (11) Parents; and
- 8 (12) The business community.

9 Section 3. That the code be amended by adding a NEW SECTION to read:

10 The council shall:

- 11 (1) Collect uniform data from all the early childhood education programs in the state and  
12 use the data to conduct research into the economic impact of early childhood  
13 education in the state;
- 14 (2) Conduct a statewide needs assessment concerning the quality and availability of early  
15 childhood education and development programs and services for children from birth  
16 to age five, including an assessment of the availability of high quality preschool  
17 opportunities for low-income children in the state;
- 18 (3) Identify opportunities for, and barriers to, collaboration and coordination among  
19 existing child development, child care, and early childhood education programs and  
20 services, including collaboration and coordination among the state agencies  
21 responsible for administering the various programs;
- 22 (4) Develop recommendations for increasing the overall participation of children in  
23 existing early childhood education programs, including outreach to underrepresented  
24 and special populations; and

1       (5)    Identify any potential new funding sources that the state or other entities could use  
2            to increase the early childhood education opportunities available to children in the  
3            state.

4        Section 4. That the code be amended by adding a NEW SECTION to read:

5        All staff services required by the council shall be provided by the Department of Education,  
6        and all expenses incurred in carrying out the work of the council, including the per diem for  
7        council members who are not state employees and travel expenses shall be paid out of funds  
8        appropriated or otherwise provided to the Department of Education.

9        Section 5. That the code be amended by adding a NEW SECTION to read:

10       The council shall meet four times within the year, and report the council findings and  
11       recommendations to the Legislature. The report shall also be available to the public.