

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 105

Introduced by Assembly Member Alquist

December 21, 1998

An act to add Section 8286.5 to the Education Code, relating to child care and development services.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 105, as introduced, Alquist. Child Care and Development Services: State Master Plan.

Under existing law, the Child Care and Development Services Act, the State Department of Education is designated as the state agency responsible for the promotion, development, and provision of care for children in the absence of their parents during the workday or while engaged in other activities that require the presence of a third party. Existing law, the California Child Day Care Act, provides for the licensure and regulation of certain providers of child care by the State Department of Social Services.

Existing law provides for the establishment of an advisory committee to, among other things, assist the State Department of Education in developing a state plan for child development programs. Existing law provides for the appointment by the Governor and 5 state agencies of representatives of child care providers, consumers, and regulators to the advisory committee.

This bill would require the advisory committee, in consultation with the State Department of Social Services and the State Department of Education, to develop a state master

plan for child care and development services on or before January 1, 2002, subject to the appropriation of funding for that purpose. The bill would also increase the membership of the advisory committee for purposes of developing and updating the state master plan for child care and development services to include 2 members appointed by the Speaker of the Assembly, 2 members appointed by the Senate Committee on Rules, and 2 members appointed by the Governor.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 8286.5 is added to the Education
2 Code, to read:
3 8286.5. (a) The advisory committee established
4 pursuant to Section 8286 shall, in consultation with the
5 State Department of Social Services and the State
6 Department of Education develop a state master plan for
7 child care and development services on or before January
8 1, 2002. The master plan shall do all of the following:
9 (1) Identify broad state policy goals for child care and
10 development services and provide a framework of
11 specific actions needed to accomplish the goals.
12 (2) Recommend methods for improved collaboration
13 between the State Department of Social Services and the
14 State Department of Education and consider the
15 consolidation of child care and development services,
16 licensing, and oversight in one entity, in order to
17 streamline the role of the state in the provision and
18 oversight of child care and development services.
19 (3) Provide a mechanism for allocating resources that
20 is guided by the broad state policy goals identified
21 pursuant to paragraph (1) and is based on local needs
22 identified by assessments of child care needs conducted
23 by child care and development local planning councils
24 pursuant to Section 8499.5. The master plan shall consider
25 the assessments in determining the discrepancy between



1 the need for child care and the supply of child care within
2 and among counties.

3 (4) Identify methods of integrating state and county
4 early childhood development programs established
5 pursuant to the California Children and Families First
6 Program (Div. 108 (commencing with Section 130100),
7 H.&S.C.) with existing state and local child care and
8 development programs.

9 (5) Quantify and address the shortage of dedicated,
10 talented, and trained child care providers by developing
11 a strategy to expand the supply and increase the quality
12 of available child care.

13 (6) Identify areas where additional research is
14 warranted, including, but not limited to, the quality of
15 license-exempt child care services.

16 (7) Affirm the state's commitment to ensuring that
17 working families have access to affordable, stable,
18 high-quality child care, including care for children with
19 disabilities and care provided during nontraditional
20 hours.

21 (8) Be based on up-to-date child development
22 research.

23 (b) For purposes of developing the state master plan
24 for child care and development services, the membership
25 of the advisory committee established pursuant to
26 Section 8286 shall include two members appointed by the
27 Speaker of the Assembly, two members appointed by the
28 Senate Committee on Rules, and two members
29 appointed by the Governor, in addition to the members
30 appointed pursuant to Section 8286.

31 (c) The state master plan for child care and
32 development services prepared pursuant to this section
33 shall be submitted to the Legislature for approval on or
34 before February 1, 2002.

35 (d) The advisory committee, including members
36 described in subdivision (b), shall update the state master
37 plan for child care and development services prepared
38 pursuant to this section at least once every five years.



1 (e) This section shall be implemented to the extent
2 funded in the annual Budget Act or other appropriation
3 measure.

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