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Overview

Establishes an advisory board to make recommendations to the governor and the legislature on topics related to developing and implementing a coordinated, efficient, and cost-effective early childhood system.

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1 State advisory board on school readiness.

Subd. 1. Establishment. Establishes a 12-member advisory board on school readiness in the Governor's office to advise the Governor and the legislature on developing a coordinated, efficient, and cost-effective system for delivering statewide early childhood programs that focus on early care and education, health care, and family support.

Subd. 2. Board members; terms. (a) Includes as board members the commissioners of employment and economic development, health, education, and human services, five public members who are early care and education experts, and three public members who are community or business leaders.

(b) Establishes the terms and conditions of the board's operation.

Subd. 3. Duties. (a) Directs the board to make recommendations to the governor and the legislature on seven topics related to developing and implementing a coordinated, efficient, and cost-effective early childhood system.

(b) Directs the advisory board to evaluate what government can do, what effect recommended policies and programs have, and whether recommended policies and

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programs strengthen families.

(c) Directs the board to convene separate policy work groups to make recommendations to the governor and the legislature on five additional topics related to developing and implementing a coordinated, efficient, and cost-effective early childhood system.

Subd. 4. Report. Directs the task force annually by February 15 to report to the legislature on task force recommendations made during the preceding year.

Subd. 5. Board Expiration. Causes the board to expire on January 1, 2013.

Makes this section effective immediately.