

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

1 State of Arkansas  
2 87th General Assembly  
3 Regular Session, 2009

# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1044

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5 By: Representative Pennartz  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

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9 AN ACT TO EXPAND THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE ARKANSAS  
10 EARLY CHILDHOOD COMMISSION; AND FOR OTHER  
11 PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

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14 TO EXPAND THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE ARKANSAS  
15 EARLY CHILDHOOD COMMISSION.  
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18 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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20 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-45-103(3), concerning the definition of  
21 Arkansas Early Childhood Commission, is amended to read as follows:

22 (3) "Arkansas Early Childhood Commission" or "commission" means  
23 ~~an eighteen member~~ a twenty-four (24) member advisory body appointed by the  
24 Governor to perform certain duties and responsibilities relating to the  
25 development, expansion, and coordination of early childhood programs,  
26 including, but not limited to, serving as the advisory body to the Department  
27 of Education on early childhood program issues;  
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29 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 20-78-501(a)-(d), concerning the Arkansas  
30 Early Childhood Commission, is amended to read as follows:

31 (a)(1) There is hereby established the Arkansas Early Childhood  
32 Commission, to be composed of ~~eighteen (18)~~ twenty-four (24) members.

33 (2) The chair of the commission shall be selected annually by  
34 majority vote of the commission.

35 (b) The following members of the commission shall be appointed by the  
36 Governor, subject to confirmation by the Senate:



1 (1) Three (3) members affiliated with child care provider  
2 agencies, organizations, or programs, one (1) of the members shall be  
3 affiliated with a family child care home;

4 (2) One (1) member affiliated with the Arkansas Head Start  
5 Collaboration Office;

6 ~~(2)~~(3) One (1) member affiliated with a Head Start program;

7 (4) One (1) member affiliated with an Early Head Start program;

8 (5) One (1) member affiliated with a Migrant/Seasonal Head Start  
9 program;

10 ~~(3)~~(6) One (1) member affiliated with a Home Instruction Program  
11 for Preschool Youngsters;

12 ~~(4)~~(7) One (1) member employed as an administrator by a public  
13 school district;

14 ~~(5)~~(8) One (1) member employed by a public school district as a  
15 teacher with early childhood responsibilities;

16 ~~(6) The Director of the Department of Health or his or her~~  
17 ~~designee;~~

18 ~~(7)~~(9) One (1) member trained as an early childhood education  
19 professional;

20 ~~(8)~~(10) One (1) member who is a parent of a child who attends a  
21 child care program;

22 ~~(9) The Director of the Department of Workforce Education or its~~  
23 ~~successor or his or her designee;~~

24 ~~(10) The Director of the Department of Education or his or her~~  
25 ~~designee; and~~

26 (11) Two (2) members representing the business community who  
27 have an interest in early childhood education;

28 (12) One (1) member representing the Arkansas Chapter of the  
29 American Academy of Pediatrics;

30 (13) One (1) member representing the Arkansas Chapter of the  
31 American Academy of Family Physicians; and

32 (14) One (1) member who is a clinical provider of childhood  
33 behavioral and mental health services specializing in prevention and early  
34 intervention.

35 (c) The members identified in subsection (b) of this section shall  
36 serve three-year terms, and the terms shall begin on July 1.

1 (d) The remaining membership shall consist of:

2 (1) ~~One (1) member shall be appointed by and serve at the~~  
3 ~~pleasure of the~~ The chair of the Subcommittee on Children and Youth of the  
4 House Committee on Aging, Children and Youth, Legislative and Military  
5 Affairs or his or her designee;

6 (2) ~~One (1) member shall be appointed by and serve at the~~  
7 ~~pleasure of the~~ The chair of the Senate Committee on Children and Youth or  
8 his or her designee;

9 (3) ~~One (1) member shall be appointed by and serve at the~~  
10 ~~pleasure of the~~ The chair of the House Committee on Education or his or her  
11 designee;

12 (4) ~~One (1) member shall be appointed by and serve at the~~  
13 ~~pleasure of the~~ The chair of the Senate Committee on Education or his or her  
14 designee;

15 (5) The Commissioner of Education or his or her designee;

16 (6) The Director of the Department of Health or his or her  
17 designee; and

18 (7) The Director of the Department of Workforce Education or his  
19 or her designee.

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