

200.700 Early Childhood Development Authority -- Membership -- Meetings.

- (1) The Early Childhood Development Authority is established as a public agency and political subdivision of the Commonwealth with all powers, duties, and responsibilities conferred upon it by statute and essential to perform its functions including but not limited to employing other persons, consultants, attorneys, and agents. The authority shall be attached to the Department of Education for administrative purposes and shall establish necessary advisory councils. The authority shall have the ability to make expenditures from the early childhood development fund and shall ensure that expenditures made from the early childhood development fund are in conformance with its duties as established by the General Assembly.
- (2) The authority shall consist of the following sixteen (16) members:
 - (a) The director of the Division of Early Childhood Development, who shall serve as chair;
 - (b) The secretary of the Education and Workforce Development Cabinet;
 - (c) The secretary of the Cabinet for Health and Family Services;
 - (d) One (1) nonvoting ex officio member from the House of Representatives who shall be appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the Speaker of the House;
 - (e) One (1) nonvoting ex officio member from the Senate who shall be appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the President of the Senate;
 - (f) Seven (7) private sector members knowledgeable about the health, education, and development of preschool children who shall be appointed by the Governor. At least one (1) private sector member shall be appointed from each congressional district;
 - (g) Three (3) citizens at large of the Commonwealth who shall be appointed by the Governor; and
 - (h) One (1) early childhood development advocate.
- (3) No later than thirty (30) days after July 14, 2000, the governing bodies of each of the following organizations shall recommend three (3) persons, at least one (1) of whom shall be male and at least one (1) of whom shall be female, as candidates for initial appointment by the Governor as private sector members to the authority:
 - (a) The Kentucky AFL-CIO;
 - (b) The Kentucky Chamber of Commerce;
 - (c) The Kentucky League of Cities;
 - (d) The Kentucky Medical Association;
 - (e) The Louisville Urban League and Lexington Urban League;
 - (f) The Kentucky County Judge/Executives Association; and
 - (g) The Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education.
- (4) The Governor shall select the private sector members of the authority by selecting one (1) nominee from each list of the three (3) nominees submitted to the Governor by each organization listed under subsection (3) of this section. The Governor shall

fill a vacancy occurring before the expiration of the appointed term from the appropriate list of nominees. If there are no nominees remaining on the appropriate list, the Governor shall request a list of additional nominees from the appropriate organization.

- (5) (a) The initial terms of the private sector and citizen at-large members of the authority shall be for:
 1. One (1) year for two (2) of the initial terms;
 2. Two (2) years for three (3) of the initial terms;
 3. Three (3) years for two (2) of the initial terms; and
 4. Four (4) years for four (4) of the initial appointments.
- (b) All succeeding appointments shall be for four (4) years from the expiration date of the preceding appointment.
- (c) Members shall serve until a successor has been appointed.
- (6) Private sector and citizen at-large members shall serve without compensation but shall be reimbursed for reasonable and necessary expenses.
- (7) In making appointments to the authority, the Governor shall assure broad geographical, ethnic, and gender diversity representation from the major sectors of Kentucky's early childhood development community. In filling vacancies, the Governor shall attempt to assure the continuing representation on the authority of broad constituencies of Kentucky's early childhood development community.
- (8) Upon the expiration of the term of any member, the governing body of the organization that made the original recommendation shall recommend three (3) persons, at least one (1) of whom shall be male and at least one (1) of whom shall be female, between sixty (60) and thirty (30) days before the expiration of the term of any authority member who is appointed as a result of a previous recommendation. The Governor shall, during March of the year that any organization is to recommend three (3) persons, request the organization to recommend three (3) persons for possible appointment to the authority. If there is no response, the Governor shall make the appointment from the population of the Commonwealth.
- (9) The authority shall meet at least quarterly and at other times upon call of the chair or a majority of the authority.
- (10) Members of the authority shall serve on a voluntary basis, receive a fixed per diem set by the authority, and be reimbursed for their expenses in accordance with state travel expense and reimbursement administrative regulations.

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