

House Amendment 8552

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1 1 Amend House File 2769 as follows:
1 2 #1. Page 5, by inserting after line 3 the
1 3 following:
1 4 <Sec. _____. NEW SECTION. 28.11 PUBLIC=PRIVATE
1 5 PARTNERSHIPS FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND EARLY
1 6 CHILDHOOD EDUCATION.
1 7 1. FINDINGS. The general assembly finds all of
1 8 the following in regard to the relationship between
1 9 economic development efforts and early childhood
1 10 education:
1 11 a. That economic development and education are
1 12 intrinsically linked; one is not successful without
1 13 the other.
1 14 b. That strong economic growth cannot occur or be
1 15 maintained without a strong early childhood education
1 16 system that begins at birth and continues into older
1 17 ages.
1 18 c. That investments in high-quality early
1 19 childhood education will save significant costs by
1 20 avoiding the future need for extensive special
1 21 education, criminal justice, public assistance, and
1 22 child welfare services.
1 23 d. That Iowa has a wide variety of investors in
1 24 early childhood education, ranging from parents to
1 25 federal and state governments and the private sector.
1 26 e. That the state's economic development and early
1 27 childhood education efforts can be greatly improved by
1 28 supporting public and private partnerships dedicated
1 29 to enhancing early childhood education.
1 30 2. PUBLIC POLICY. The Iowa empowerment board, the
1 31 community empowerment office, and the community
1 32 empowerment assistance team shall give priority to
1 33 supporting efforts at the state and community
1 34 empowerment area levels to build public-private
1 35 partnerships for economic development through
1 36 enhancing early childhood education.
1 37 3. BLUE RIBBON COMMITTEE.
1 38 a. The Iowa empowerment board shall establish a
1 39 blue ribbon public-private partnership committee to
1 40 develop a framework for building integrated, high-
1 41 quality early childhood education programs in all
1 42 areas of the state. The blue ribbon committee shall
1 43 be directed to report to the board, the governor, and
1 44 the general assembly regarding the framework and other
1 45 findings and recommendations on or before December 15,
1 46 2006, so that the recommendations can be incorporated
1 47 into the governor's budget proposal and the general
1 48 assembly's budget deliberations for the 2007
1 49 legislative session.
1 50 b. The membership of the blue ribbon committee
2 1 shall include but is not limited to all of the
2 2 following:
2 3 (1) The directors of the departments of economic
2 4 development, education, human rights, human services,
2 5 and public health, or their designees.
2 6 (2) Two representatives of private sector
2 7 employers from nominations provided by the Iowa
2 8 business council.
2 9 (3) One representative of for-profit organizations
2 10 providing services to young children or early
2 11 childhood education.
2 12 (4) One representative of nonprofit organizations
2 13 providing services to young children or early
2 14 childhood education.
2 15 (5) One representative of home-based providers of
2 16 services to young children or early childhood
2 17 education.
2 18 (6) One representative of religious organizations
2 19 providing services to young children.
2 20 (7) One representative of organizations providing
2 21 funding for services to young children or early
2 22 childhood education.
2 23 (8) One school superintendent from a rural area.
2 24 (9) One school superintendent from an urban area.

2 25 (10) One public school educator who works with
2 26 kindergarten=age and younger children.
2 27 (11) One parent who is involved with school
2 28 organizations such as the parent=teacher association.
2 29 c. The committee's deliberations and
2 30 recommendations shall include but are not limited to
2 31 all of the following:
2 32 (1) Identifying the types of programs that are
2 33 best for improving the quality of early childhood
2 34 education.
2 35 (2) A strategy for blending child care and
2 36 preschool into a seamless system.
2 37 (3) A best approach for identifying standards and
2 38 quality in early childhood education.
2 39 (4) A strategy for blending funding for early
2 40 childhood education services from the public sector
2 41 and the private sector, including but not limited to
2 42 the funding provided by businesses and individual
2 43 families.
2 44 (5) An approach for committing funding designated
2 45 for economic development to early childhood education,
2 46 including but not limited to funding from the vision
2 47 Iowa program, the grow Iowa values fund, and similar
2 48 sources.
2 49 (6) A strategy for community empowerment area
2 50 boards to develop and implement local public=private
3 1 partnership networks and apply for state and private
3 2 funding to implement innovative childhood education
3 3 programming, or to be able to apply for competitive
3 4 grants to enhance the partnership networks. The
3 5 committee shall give consideration to adapting the
3 6 smart start approach utilized in North Carolina.
3 7 (7) A best process for evaluating early childhood
3 8 education services on an annual or other periodic
3 9 basis.
3 10 d. Staff and administrative support for the blue
3 11 ribbon committee shall be provided by the community
3 12 empowerment office and the community empowerment
3 13 assistance team.
3 14 e. This subsection is repealed July 1, 2008.>
3 15 #2. By renumbering as necessary.
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