

237A.21 State child care advisory council.

1. *a.* A state child care advisory council is established consisting of not more than thirty-five voting members from urban and rural areas across the state. The membership shall include but is not limited to all of the following persons or representatives with an interest in child care: a licensed center provider, a registered child development home provider from a county with a population of less than twenty-two thousand, a provider who is exempt from licensing or registration under [this chapter](#) or a family, friend, and neighbor child care provider, a parent of a child in child care, staff members of appropriate governmental agencies, and other members as deemed necessary by the governor. The voting members are eligible for reimbursement of their actual and necessary expenses while engaged in performance of their official duties.

b. For the purposes of [this subsection](#), “*family, friend, and neighbor child care*” means child care, usually provided without cost and on a voluntary basis, by a family member, a friend, or a neighbor whose reason for providing that care is a strong existing personal relationship with a parent, guardian, or custodian and the parent’s, guardian’s, or custodian’s child or children.

2. Except as otherwise provided, the voting members shall be appointed by the governor from a list of names submitted by a nominating committee to consist of one member of the state council established pursuant to [this section](#), one member of the department’s child care staff, three consumers of child care, and one member of a professional child care organization. Two names shall be submitted for each appointment. The voting members shall be appointed for terms of three years. The state council shall develop its own operational policies which are subject to departmental approval.

3. The voting membership of the council shall be appointed in a manner so as to provide equitable representation of persons with an interest in child care and shall include all of the following:

- a.* Two parents of a child served by a registered child development home.
- b.* Two parents of a child served by a licensed center.
- c.* Two not-for-profit child care providers.
- d.* Two for-profit child care providers.
- e.* One child care home provider.
- f.* Three child development home providers.
- g.* One child care resource and referral service grantee.
- h.* One nongovernmental child advocacy group representative.
- i.* One designee of the department of human services.
- j.* One designee of the Iowa department of public health.
- k.* One designee of the department of education.
- l.* One head start program provider.
- m.* One person who is a business owner or executive officer. Notwithstanding [subsection 2](#), the nominees under this paragraph shall be submitted by the Iowa chamber of commerce executives.
- n.* One designee of the community empowerment office of the department of management.
 - o.* One person who is a member of the Iowa afterschool alliance.
 - p.* One person who is part of a local program implementing the statewide preschool program for four-year-old children under [chapter 256C](#).
 - q.* One person who represents the early childhood Iowa council created in [section 135.173](#).

4. In addition to the voting members, the membership shall include four legislators as ex officio, nonvoting members. The four legislators shall be appointed one each by the majority leader of the senate, the minority leader of the senate, the speaker of the house of representatives, and the minority leader of the house of representatives for terms as provided in [section 69.16B](#).

[C75, §237A.1(8); C77, 79, 81, §237A.21]

86 Acts, ch 1044, §1; 92 Acts, ch 1083, §3; 99 Acts, ch 192, §19; 2002 Acts, ch 1142, §21, 22, 31; 2008 Acts, ch 1156, §35, 58; 2009 Acts, ch 115, §2 – 6

Referred to in [§237A.1](#)