

1 (b) Identify and examine early learning quality
2 incentives and rating systems in other states, including, but
3 not limited to, systems in North Carolina and Oklahoma.

4 (c) Develop a recommended early learning quality
5 incentives and rating system that includes uniform standards
6 and levels of financial quality incentives for participating
7 providers.

8 (d) Recommend appropriate levels of financial
9 commitment of state resources to ensure quality early learning
10 programs.

11 (e) Recommend initial investment of quality incentive
12 dollars for pilot programs in five counties.

13 (2)(a) The task force shall consist of representatives
14 appointed by the Governor from each of the following
15 categories:

16 1. One member each from a large, medium, and small
17 children's services council with an appropriate mix from urban
18 and rural counties.

19 2. One chair each from a large, medium, and small
20 early learning coalition with an appropriate mix from urban
21 and rural counties.

22 3. One member from an early learning services
23 provider.

24 4. One member from a private child care provider
25 association.

26 5. One member from a faith-based child care provider
27 association.

28 6. One member each from a community college and a
29 state university with a child care training component.

30 7. One parent who currently has a child in an early
31 learning program.

1 **(b) The task force shall also consist of the following**
2 **members:**

3 **1. A member of the Senate appointed by the President**
4 **of the Senate.**

5 **2. A member of the House of Representatives appointed**
6 **by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.**

7 **3. A member appointed by the Secretary of Children and**
8 **Family Services who has expertise in child care licensing and**
9 **regulation.**

10 **4. A member appointed by the Commissioner of Education**
11 **who has expertise in the education of young children.**

12 **(3) The members of the task force shall serve without**
13 **compensation but shall be entitled to receive reimbursement**
14 **for per diem and travel expenses as provided in s. 112.061,**
15 **Florida Statutes.**

16 **(4) The task force shall submit its recommendations to**
17 **the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of**
18 **the House of Representatives by February 15, 2007, at which**
19 **time the task force shall be terminated.**

20 **Section 2. The Department of Children and Family**
21 **Services, in cooperation with the Agency for Workforce**
22 **Innovation, shall contract with an independent research**
23 **institution to conduct a study of the administrative and**
24 **operational structure of the Child Care Services Program**
25 **Office of the Department of Children and Family Services which**
26 **will include a review of all resources supporting the office**
27 **as well as a review of child care services offices in other**
28 **states. The findings of the study shall include a**
29 **recommendation regarding the appropriate administrative and**
30 **operational structures and the appropriate state agency to**
31 **administer child care regulation functions. The findings of**

1 the study shall be submitted to the Early Learning Quality
2 Incentives Task Force by January 1, 2007, for incorporation
3 into the final recommendations of the task force.

4 Section 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a
5 law.

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