

COMPARISON DOCUMENT

Title 28

EDUCATION

Part CLXI. *Bulletin 137—Louisiana Early Learning Center Licensing Regulations*

Chapter 7. Licensing Process and Procedures

§701. Initial Application Process

A. – E.9. ...

F. Effective for licensure of applicants whose site will first be placed in operation on or after August 1, 2026, the original application shall include the results of the risk assessment of the facility and grounds for the presence of paint, dust, and soil lead hazards. If the results of the risk assessment indicate that lead hazards were found, the facility shall not commence operations until appropriate lead hazard control methods have been implemented and confirmed.

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EDUCATION

Part CLXVII. *Bulletin 140—Louisiana Early Childhood Care and Education Network*

Chapter 5. Early Childhood Care and Education Accountability System

§509. Performance Rating Calculations for Publicly-Funded Sites

A. – B.2. ...

3. Repealed.

B.4. – G. ...

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§513. Informational Metrics of Best Practices

A. – B.4.b. ...

C. Repealed.

D. – D.2. ...

3. Repealed.

E.1. - E.2. ...

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Chapter 7. Coordinated Enrollment

§703. Coordinated Enrollment Process

A. – H. ...

I. Repealed.

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Chapter 11. Early Childhood Care and Education ~~Commission~~ Advisory Council

§1101. Early Childhood Care and Education ~~Commission~~ Advisory Council

A. Functions.

1. The commission shall study and make recommendations relative to establishing a statewide vision and framework for the future of early childhood care and education in Louisiana. The commission ~~council~~ shall provide input and guidance to BESE ~~the board~~ and the LDOE on matters pertaining to the development and implementation of rules, regulations, bulletins, policies, or standards related to all for publicly-funded early care and education programs, including early learning centers, enrollment in early learning centers, the Cecil J. Picard LA4 Early Childhood Program, the Child Care and Development Fund Block Grant, the Child Care Assistance Program, Early Head Start, and Head Start.

2. Prior to ~~board~~ consideration by BESE of any rule or standard regarding early learning centers, enrollment in early learning centers, the Cecil J. Picard LA4 Early Childhood Program, the Child Care and Development Fund Block Grant, or the Child Care Assistance Program, the LDOE department ~~shall~~ consult with and provide a draft of the proposed rules to the commission ~~council~~, and provide an opportunity for the commission ~~council~~ to make recommendations.

3. Prior to submission to the United States Department of Health and Human Services, LDOE shall consult and provide a draft of the state plan for the Child Care and Development Fund and budget, and any amendments to the state plan including budget revisions, and provide an opportunity for the commission ~~council~~ to make recommendations. Recommendations made by the commission ~~council~~ shall be submitted to BESE.

4. Not later than ninety days following the end of the fiscal year, the commission shall provide a report of the findings and recommendations relative to establishing a statewide vision and framework for the future of early childhood care and education in Louisiana to the governor, the members of the legislature, the state superintendent of education, and BESE. The report shall include without limitation policy recommendations of the commission, the status of the implementation of its recommendations, and findings of the commission concerning the system performance and progress toward statewide goals. The council shall produce required quarterly and annual reports.

5. The LDOE shall provide quarterly reports to the commission on the implementation and progress, activities, and status of the Early Childhood Care and Education Network.

B. Composition. The commission ~~council~~ shall consist of ~~no fewer than seventeen voting~~ members as follows:

~~1. Appointed by the Governor. Two representatives of Type III early learning centers, selected by the state superintendent of education.~~

~~a. One representative of a Head Start program;~~

~~b. One representative of a child advocacy or community organization;~~

~~c. One representative of the governor's office;~~

~~d. One professional with expertise in the socioemotional development and well-being of children from birth to age four; and~~

~~e. One representative of a disability advocacy or community organization.~~

~~2. Appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives. One representative of a Type II early learning center, selected by the state superintendent of education;~~

~~a. One business representative;~~

~~b. One local school superintendent;~~

~~c. One representative of a Type III early learning center;~~

~~d. One parent of a child in a publicly funded early learning center, Early Head Start Center, Head Start Center, or stand-alone prekindergarten program;~~

~~e. One early care and education researcher from a public postsecondary education institution; and~~

~~f. Two members of the House of Representatives.~~

~~3. Appointed by the president of the Senate: One representative of a Type I early learning center; selected by state superintendent of education.~~

~~a. One business representative;~~

~~b. One local school superintendent;~~

~~c. One representative of a Type III early learning center;~~

~~d. One parent of a child in a publicly funded early learning center, Early Head Start, Head Start, or stand-alone prekindergarten program;~~

~~e. One representative from a Type 1 early learning center; and~~

~~f. Two members of the Senate.~~

~~4. Appointed by the commissioner of higher education: One professional or faculty member having child development or early childhood education expertise from a Louisiana postsecondary education institution. Two representatives of Head Start programs, one of which shall be operated by a local education agency and selected by BESE, and one of which shall be operated by a nonlocal education agency and selected by the state superintendent of education from a list of three persons nominated by the Louisiana Head Start Association;~~

~~5. Appointed by BESE: Two representatives of local education agencies operating publicly funded early childhood programs other than Head Start, selected by BESE.~~

~~a. Two representatives of high-performing community early childhood care and education networks;~~

~~b. One representative of a nonpublic school participating in a publicly funded early childhood care and education program;~~

~~c. One representative of local education agencies operating publicly funded early childhood programs other than Head Start;~~

~~d. One representative from a child care resource and referral agency; and~~

~~e. One parent of a child currently enrolled in a publicly funded early learning center or prekindergarten program.~~

~~6. Appointed by the BESE president: One member of BESE. Two representatives of Louisiana nonprofit advocacy organizations having a focus on early childhood education, selected by the state superintendent.~~

~~7. Appointed by the state superintendent of education: Two representatives of approved nonpublic schools with publicly funded early childhood care and education programs, selected by BESE.~~

~~a. One representative of a family child care provider that is Child Care Assistance Program certified with academic approval;~~

~~b. One representative of early childhood programs within the LDOE;~~

~~c. One representative of the special education programs within the LDOE;~~

~~d. One representative of a Type III early learning center;~~

~~e. One representative of a Type II early learning center; and~~

~~f. One representative of a Head Start program, which shall be operated by a nonlocal education agency selected from a list of three persons nominated by the Louisiana Head Start Association.~~

~~8. Appointed by the Board of Regents: One professional or faculty member having child development or early childhood education expertise from a Louisiana post secondary education institution, selected by the commissioner of higher education.~~

~~a. One early intervention researcher from a Louisiana public postsecondary education institution;~~

~~b. One early childhood education researcher from a Louisiana public postsecondary education institution; and~~

~~c. A staff member of the Board of Regents.~~

9. Appointed by For Providers, By Providers: One representative of a child advocacy or community organization. The president of the Louisiana Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics, or designee.

10. Appointed by the secretary of the Louisiana Department of Health: One representative of an advocacy or service organization that focuses on serving children with disabilities, selected by the state superintendent of education.

a. One representative of maternal, infant, and early childhood home visitation programs with the Bureau of Family Health; and

b. One representative of the Early Steps program within the Bureau of Family Health.

11. Appointed by the American Academy of Pediatrics, Louisiana Chapter: One representative. representative of a Louisiana business or community organization, selected by BESE.

12. The director of the Louisiana Head Start Collaboration Office. One parent of a child currently enrolled in a publicly-funded early learning center or prekindergarten program, selected by BESE.

13. Appointed by the president of the Center for Literacy and Learning: One early childhood development and education specialist.

14. Appointed by the chairman of the Louisiana Educational Television Authority (LETA): One member of LETA.

15. Appointed by the chief executive officer of Leaders for a Better Louisiana: One representative of a nongovernmental economic development organization.

16. Appointed by the chief executive officer of the Louisiana Policy Institute for Children: One representative of a child advocacy organization.

17. Appointed by the board of directors of the Child Care Association of Louisiana: One child care provider.

18. The president and chief executive officer of the Louisiana Association of Business and Industry, or designee.

19. The secretary of Louisiana Works, or designee.

20. The secretary of Louisiana Economic Development, or designee.

21. The secretary of the Department of Children and Family Services, or designee.

C. The commission council shall include an additional thirteen nonvoting ex-officio members, or designee, who may advise and contribute to discussions pertaining to early childhood care and education, including but not limited to the following:

1. The chairpersons of the House Committee on Education, Senate Committee on Education, House Committee on Health and Welfare, and Senate Committee on Health and Welfare, or designee.

2. – 4. Repealed.

5. The director of the Maternal and Child Health Program at the Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals.

6. The director of the Child and Adult Care Food Program at the LDOE.

7. The Louisiana State Fire Marshal, or designee.

8. A representative from the office of sanitarian services at the Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals.

9. Repealed.

10. ...

D. General Commission Council Membership Information

1. Terms. Members shall serve a term of four three years from the date of appointment. However, the term of a member appointed by an elected official shall not extend beyond the term of the appointing authority. at the pleasure of the appointing authority. Persons appointed by organizations and agencies other than BESE shall be ratified by the board. A commission council member may be removed without cause by the recommending agency at any time. Appointees must maintain employment and qualifications appropriate to the organizational category being represented. Once a member retires, becomes employed in a different capacity, or otherwise fails to maintain eligibility, the member shall become ineligible to continue to serve and shall be replaced.

2. Vacancies. A vacancy in the membership of the commission shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment. an appointed position shall occur if an appointee, for any reason, is unable to serve the full extent of the term. At the conclusion of a membership term, LDOE and BESE shall publish a request for applications and select nominees for the subsequent term from the pool of applicants.

3. Proxy. Any person serving on an advisory commission council who cannot attend a scheduled meeting may designate a person to attend as proxy.

4. Repealed.

5. Action/Quorum. The affirmative vote of a majority of the voting members present shall be necessary for any action taken by the commission. Official council action requires that matters submitted to the council by motion are duly seconded. The chair states the motion and calls for discussion and public comment. All official actions of the council shall require the favorable vote of a majority of the members present.

6. ...

7. – 7.a. Repealed

E. Chair. Voting members of the commission shall elect a chair and co-chair to provide for effective governance.

1. – 2. Repealed.

F. Meetings, The commission shall meet at least quarterly, with the meetings to be called by the chair or the state superintendent as needed.

1. – 5. Repealed.

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Title 28
EDUCATION
Part I. BESE/8(g) Operations

Subpart 1. Board of Elementary and Secondary Education
Chapter 5. Organization
§505. Special Advisory Councils/Task Forces/Commissions/Study Groups

- A. – A.1.b.iii.(i). ...
 - (j). Early Childhood Care and Education Commission ~~Advisory Council~~ representative; and
- A.1.b.iv. - A.1.b.iv.(f). ...

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