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FISCAL NOTE

FISCAL IMPACT: State Local Statutory Public Entity Conditional No Fiscal Impact

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BILL TOPIC: EXTEND EARLY CHILDHOOD LEADERSHIP COMMISSION

Fiscal Impact Summary	FY 2017-2018	FY 2018-2019	
This bill continues an advisory committee that would otherwise end July 1, 2018, so the fiscal note shows the continuing fiscal impacts.	New	New	Continuation
State Revenue			
Cash Funds / Federal Funds	Potential increase.		
State Expenditures		\$155,000	
Cash Funds / Federal Funds			155,000
FTE Position Change			1.5 FTE
Appropriation Required: None.			
Future Year Impacts: Potential revenue increase. Ongoing expenditure increase through FY 2023-24.			

Summary of Legislation

This bill continues the Early Childhood Leadership Commission (commission) in the Department of Human Services (DHS). The commission is scheduled for repeal on July 1, 2018, and this bill extends it through September 1, 2023. The bill also adds five Governor-appointed members to the commission and specifies that one member must be a representative of programs providing early childhood services to military families.

The bill makes several other changes to the commission. It removes the requirement that the director and any staff appointed to the commission be paid using money in the Early Childhood Leadership Cash Fund. It also permits the General Assembly to appropriate General Fund to cover the administrative costs incurred by the commission.

Background

The commission was initially formed by executive order in 2010, and was later codified into state law through Senate Bill 10-195. It was then extended and modified under House Bill 13-1117. The commission is funded using about \$155,000 in temporary federal Race to the Top funding allocated by the Governor and is supported by 1.5 FTE in the Office of Early Childhood in the DHS.

This source of federal funding is available through FY 2017-18. Under current law, the commission is scheduled to undergo a sunset review in 2017 by the Department of Regulatory Agencies prior to its current repeal date.

State Revenue

Under current law, the commission can only accept in-kind contributions. This bill allows it to accept gifts, grants, and donations from public or private sources to cover the expenses of the commission, which potentially increases cash fund revenue to the Early Childhood Leadership Commission Fund in the DHS. As of this writing, no specific source of gifts, grants, or donations has been identified. Gifts, grants, and donations are TABOR exempt.

State Expenditures

Based on current expenditures, continuation of the commission will increase expenditures in the DHS by \$155,000 per year and 1.5 FTE beginning in FY 2018-19. Given that the current federal funding source is scheduled to end, it is assumed that these expenses will be paid using Child Care Development Funds allocated by the Governor. These funds do not require appropriation by the General Assembly. Costs in the DHS include staff support for the commission, meeting expenses, development of reports and material, and other commission expenses. In addition, state agencies that have staff appointed to serve on the commission will experience a minimal increase in workload beginning in FY 2018-19 from continuing the commission.

While no specific source is known, to the extent gifts, grants, or donations are received, the use of federal funds will decrease. In the event federal funds or gifts, grants, and donations are not sufficient to cover the costs of the commission, it is assumed that the work of the commission will be scaled back or appropriations to the Early Childhood Leadership Commission Fund will be requested through the annual budget process. At this time, no General Fund appropriation to the Early Childhood Leadership Commission Fund is required.

Local Government Impact

Local governments who have staff appointed to serve on the commission will experience an increase in workload beginning in FY 2018-19 following continuation of the commission. It is assumed that local government staff will only accept an appointment if it can be accomplished within available resources.

Effective Date

The bill takes effect August 9, 2017, if the General Assembly adjourns on May 10, 2017, as scheduled, and no referendum petition is filed.

Technical Note

Under current law, the commission is listed as expiring on September 1, 2018, in the section of statute governing the commission, and on July 1, 2018, in the section of statute listing the repeal schedule of advisory committees. The fiscal note assumes the commission will cease its work on July 1, 2018, under current law.

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