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Sponsors

*Representatives Pettersen and
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Senator Martinez Humenik*

Short Title

*Extend Early Childhood
Leadership Commission*

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Status

This research note reflects the final version of the bill which was signed by the Governor on June 5, 2017, and becomes effective August 9, 2017, assuming no referendum petition is filed.

Background

The Early Childhood Leadership Commission (ECLC) is made up of 20 members and is charged with ensuring and advancing a comprehensive service system for pregnant women and children from birth to eight years old. The ECLC has the following duties:

- identify opportunities for the alignment of standards and procedures across programs that support young children;
- advise and make recommendations to the Colorado Department of Human Services;
- assist public and private agencies in coordinating efforts of behalf of pregnant women and children;
- consider and recommend waivers from state regulations on behalf of early childhood councils;
- monitor the ongoing development, promotion, and implementation of professional development, comprehensive early childhood standards, and the use of common data for planning and accountability;
- develop strategies and monitor efforts for increasing children's school readiness;
- develop strategies and monitor efforts concerning increased participation and access to child care and early education programs; and
- develop strategies and monitor efforts concerning promoting family and community engagement in education and development.

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Legislative history. The ECLC was originally formed by an executive order in 2010. The program was later codified into state law through Senate Bill 10-195. House Bill 13-1117 moved the ECLC from the Office of the Governor to the Colorado Department of Human Services. In addition, the ECLC's role was changed to include a greater emphasis on advising and monitoring early childhood programs in the state.

The ECLC is currently scheduled to repeal on September 1, 2018. This bill extends the program to September 1, 2023.

House Action

House Education Committee (January 30, 2017). At the hearing, representatives of the Colorado Children's Campaign and the Colorado Parent Teacher Association testified in support of the bill. The committee adopted amendment L.001 and amendment L.004 and referred the bill, as amended, to the House Committee on Appropriations.

Amendment L.001 removed language that increased the size of the commission to 25 members.

Amendment L.004 clarified that administrative costs for the ECLC are paid from the ECLC Fund and that the fund does not include allocation of moneys from the General Fund.

House Appropriations Committee (March 3, 2017). The committee adopted amendment J.001 and referred the bill to the House Committee of the Whole. The amendment added an appropriations clause to the bill.

House second reading (March 10, 2017). The House adopted the House Education committee report and amended the House Appropriations committee report. Amendment No. 3 clarified the bill does not receive money from the General Fund. The House passed the bill on second reading, as amended.

House third reading (March 13, 2017). The House passed the bill on third reading with no amendments.

Senate Action

Senate Health and Human Services Committee (April 5, 2017). At the hearing, representatives of the Colorado Children's Campaign, the Early Childhood Leadership Commission, and the Colorado Parent Teacher Association testified in support of the bill. The committee referred the bill to the House Appropriations Committee with no amendments.

Senate Appropriations Committee (April 11, 2017). The committee referred the bill to the House Committee of the Whole with no amendments.

Senate second reading (April 13, 2017). The Senate passed the bill on second reading with no amendments.

Senate third reading (April 17, 2017). The Senate passed the bill on third reading with no amendments.