



State of Colorado

LEGISLATIVE REQUEST FOR INTERIM STUDY COMMITTEE

To: Legislative Council
Requested by: Senator Zenzinger
Re: Request for interim study committee regarding Affordable Child Care
Date: 4/5/2019

Information Required Pursuant to Section 2-3-303.3, C.R.S.

I hereby request that an interim study committee be formed to study the increasingly high costs of child care and the effect of those costs on individuals and the economy during the interim between the 2019 and 2020 legislative sessions. The interim study committee would be named the "Affordable Child Care Interim Study Committee."

The policy issues to be studied are:

- the structure of the existing child care system;
- tuition and costs;
- child care assistance programs; and
- methods to encourage and expand accessibility.

The interim study committee would need to meet six times to study the issues.

The interim study committee should consist of six members of the General Assembly selected as follows:

- three members of the Senate, with two appointed by the President of the Senate, and one appointed by the minority leader of the Senate.
- three members of the House of Representatives, with two appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives and one appointed by the minority leader of the House of Representatives.

The President of the Senate will appoint the chair and the Speaker of the House will appoint the vice-chair.

The appointments must be made by June 1, 2019.

Nonlegislative members will not have a role in the interim study committee.

A task force is not necessary to assist the interim study committee in studying the scope of policy issues described above.

The interim study committee will need six bills to address the issues it studies.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.