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A2122

SPONSORS STATEMENT: (Begins on page 3 of original bill) Yes

COMMITTEE STATEMENT: **ASSEMBLY** Yes

SENATE: Yes

FLOOR AMENDMENT STATEMENTS: No

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE: No

S1166

SPONSORS STATEMENT: (Begins on page 3 of original bill) Yes

Bill and Sponsors Statement identical to A2122

COMMITTEE STATEMENT: **ASSEMBLY:** No

SENATE: Yes

Identical to Assembly Statement to A2122

FLOOR AMENDMENT STATEMENTS: No

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE: No

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ASSEMBLY, No. 2122

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

209th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED FEBRUARY 28, 2000

Sponsored by:

Assemblyman DAVID W. WOLFE

District 10 (Monmouth and Ocean)

Assemblyman JOSEPH R. MALONE, III

District 30 (Burlington, Monmouth and Ocean)

SYNOPSIS

Establishes a Commission on Early Childhood Education in but not of the DOE.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



1 AN ACT establishing a Commission on Early Childhood Education and
2 supplementing chapter 44 of Title 18A of the New Jersey Statutes.

3
4 **BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*
5 *of New Jersey:*

6
7 1. a. There is established a Commission on Early Childhood
8 Education in, but not of, the Department of Education. The
9 commission shall consist of 19 members, including the Commissioners
10 of Education and Human Services, or their designees, who shall serve
11 as ex officio members, and 17 public members who shall be appointed
12 by the Governor, including two representatives of higher education
13 and one representative of each of the following organizations: the New
14 Jersey Child Care Advisory Council; the Association for Children of
15 New Jersey; the Center for Early Education at Rutgers, the State
16 University; the New Jersey Association for the Education of Young
17 Children; the New Jersey Association of Child Care Resources and
18 Referral Agencies; the New Jersey Association of Early Childhood
19 Teacher Educators; the New Jersey Association of School
20 Administrators; the New Jersey Child Care Association; the New
21 Jersey Congress of Parent and Teachers; the New Jersey Education
22 Association; the New Jersey State Federation of Teachers; the New
23 Jersey Head Start Association; the New Jersey Policy Development
24 Board; the New Jersey Principals and Supervisors Association; and the
25 New Jersey Professional Development Center of New Jersey.

26 The public members shall serve for three year terms, but of the
27 members first appointed, five shall be appointed for a term of one year,
28 five shall be appointed for a term of two years and six shall be
29 appointed for a term of three years. A member shall hold office for the
30 term of his appointment and until his successor has been appointed.

31 Vacancies in the membership of the commission shall be filled in the
32 same manner as the original appointments are made and a member may
33 be eligible for reappointment. Vacancies occurring other than by
34 expiration of a term shall be filled for the unexpired term.

35 The members of the commission shall serve without compensation
36 but shall be reimbursed for the reasonable expenses necessarily
37 incurred in the performance of their duties within the limits of funds
38 appropriated or otherwise made available to the commission for its
39 purposes.

40 b. The commission shall organize no later than 30 days after the
41 appointment of all the members and shall select a chairman from
42 among its members and a secretary who need not be a member of the
43 commission.

44 c. The department shall provide such stenographic, clerical and
45 other administrative assistants, and such professional staff, as the
46 commission requires to carry out its work.

1 d. It shall be the responsibility of the commission to provide advice
2 on early childhood education issues, including, but not limited to:
3 (1) the appropriate staff credentials for pre-school educators;
4 (2) appropriate Statewide standards for early childhood education
5 program design, implementation and assessment;
6 (3) the development of standards for appropriate facilities for early
7 childhood education programs;
8 (4) coordination of early childhood programs and services across
9 State agencies;
10 (5) the identification and dissemination of information on model
11 early childhood programs;
12 (6) the criteria and methodology for conducting a comprehensive
13 needs assessment in each participating district;
14 (7) the funding levels necessary to support high quality early
15 childhood education programs, including funding for certified, well-
16 trained teachers, developmentally appropriate curriculum and
17 materials, appropriate facilities and particularized needs demonstrated
18 through the needs assessment; and
19 (8) implementation of the early childhood education components
20 of the May 21, 1998 order of the New Jersey Supreme court in Abbott
21 v. Burke, 153 N.J. 480 (1998).

22
23 2. This act shall take effect immediately.
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26 STATEMENT
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28 This bill establishes a Commission on Early Childhood Education
29 in, but not of, the Department of Education. The commission will
30 consist of 18 members, including the Commissioners of Education and
31 Human Services, or their designees, and 17 public members appointed
32 by the Governor. The public members will include two representatives
33 of higher education and a representative from each of the following
34 organizations: the New Jersey Child Care Advisory Council; the
35 Association for Children of New Jersey; the Center for Early
36 Education at Rutgers, the State University; the New Jersey
37 Association for the Education of Young Children; the New Jersey
38 Association of Child Care Resources and Referral Agencies; the New
39 Jersey Association of Early Childhood Teacher Educators; the New
40 Jersey Association of School Administrators; the New Jersey Child
41 Care Association; the New Jersey Congress of Parent and Teachers;
42 the New Jersey Education Association; the New Jersey State
43 Federation of Teachers; the New Jersey Head Start Association; the
44 New Jersey Policy Development Board; the New Jersey Principals and
45 Supervisors Association; and the New Jersey Professional
46 Development Center of New Jersey.

1 The commission will have the responsibility of providing advice on
2 early childhood education issues, including, but not limited to: the
3 appropriate staff credentials for pre-school educators; appropriate
4 Statewide standards for early childhood education program design,
5 implementation and assessment; the development of standards for
6 appropriate facilities for early childhood education programs;
7 coordination of early childhood programs and services across State
8 agencies; the identification and dissemination of information on model
9 early childhood programs; the criteria and methodology for conducting
10 a comprehensive needs assessment in each participating district; the
11 funding levels necessary to support high quality early childhood
12 education programs; and implementation of the early childhood
13 education components of the May 21, 1998 order of the New Jersey
14 Supreme court in *Abbott v. Burke*, 153 N.J. 480 (1998).

ASSEMBLY EDUCATION COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 2122

with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: MARCH 23, 2000

The Assembly Education Committee favorably reports Assembly Bill No. 2122 with committee amendments.

As amended by committee, this bill establishes a Commission on Early Childhood Education in, but not of, the Department of Education. The commission will consist of 21 members, including the Commissioners of Education and Human Services, or their designees, and 19 public members appointed by the Governor. The public members will include two representatives of higher education and a representative from each of the following organizations: the New Jersey Child Care Advisory Council; the Association for Children of New Jersey; the Center for Early Education at Rutgers, the State University; the New Jersey Association for the Education of Young Children; the New Jersey Association of Child Care Resources and Referral Agencies; the New Jersey Association of Early Childhood Teacher Educators; the New Jersey Association of School Administrators; the New Jersey Child Care Association; the New Jersey Congress of Parents and Teachers; the Statewide Parent Advocacy Network; the New Jersey Education Association; the New Jersey State Federation of Teachers; the New Jersey School Boards Association; the New Jersey Head Start Association; the New Jersey Policy Development Board; the New Jersey Principals and Supervisors Association; and the New Jersey Professional Development Center of New Jersey.

The commission will have the responsibility of providing advice on early childhood education issues, including, but not limited to: the appropriate staff credentials for pre-school educators; appropriate Statewide standards for early childhood education program design, implementation and assessment; the development of standards for appropriate facilities for early childhood education programs; coordination of early childhood programs and services across State agencies; the identification and dissemination of information on model early childhood programs; the criteria and methodology to be used by Abbott districts, districts receiving Early Childhood Program Aid, and all other districts that operate preschool programs for three- and four-year olds in conducting a comprehensive needs assessment; the funding

levels necessary to support high quality early childhood education programs; and implementation of the early childhood education components of the May 21, 1998 and March 7, 2000 orders of the New Jersey Supreme Court in *Abbott v. Burke* (Abbott V and Abbott VI).

The committee amended the bill to add representatives of the Statewide Parent Advocacy Network and the New Jersey School Boards Association to the commission; and to clarify that the criteria and methodology to be used by Abbott districts, districts receiving Early Childhood Program Aid, and all other districts that operate preschool programs for three- and four-year olds in conducting a needs assessment on early childhood education programs is being developed by the Office of Early Childhood Education, in consultation with the commission. That office is established in companion legislation, Assembly Bill No.2123. The committee amendments also insert reference to the March 7, 2000 order of the New Jersey Supreme Court in regard to early childhood education programs (Abbott VI) and make a technical correction.

[First Reprint]

ASSEMBLY, No. 2122

STATE OF NEW JERSEY
209th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED FEBRUARY 28, 2000

Sponsored by:

Assemblyman DAVID W. WOLFE

District 10 (Monmouth and Ocean)

Assemblyman JOSEPH R. MALONE, III

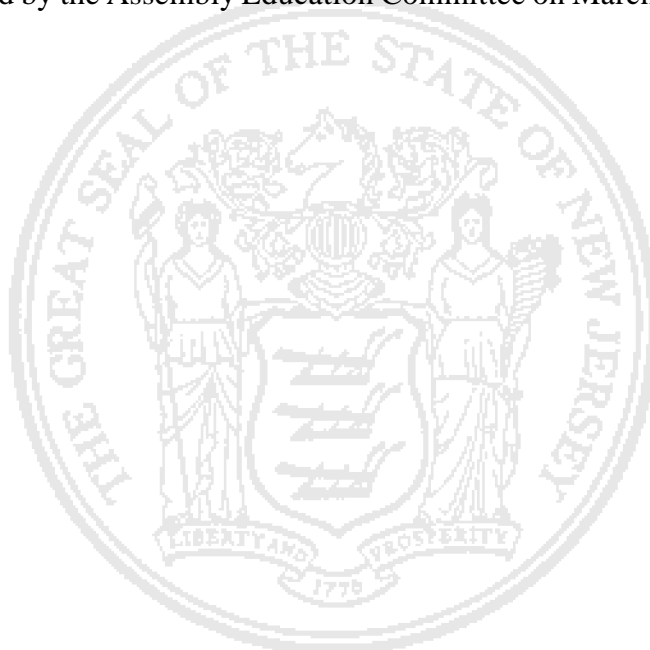
District 30 (Burlington, Monmouth and Ocean)

SYNOPSIS

Establishes a Commission on Early Childhood Education in but not of the DOE.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As reported by the Assembly Education Committee on March 23, 2000, with amendments.



1 AN ACT establishing a Commission on Early Childhood Education and
2 supplementing chapter 44 of Title 18A of the New Jersey Statutes.

3
4 **BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*
5 *of New Jersey:*

6
7 1. a. There is established a Commission on Early Childhood
8 Education in, but not of, the Department of Education. The
9 commission shall consist of ¹[19] 21¹ members, including the
10 Commissioners of Education and Human Services, or their designees,
11 who shall serve as ex officio members, and ¹[17] 19¹ public members
12 who shall be appointed by the Governor, including two representatives
13 of higher education and one representative of each of the following
14 organizations: the New Jersey Child Care Advisory Council; the
15 Association for Children of New Jersey; the Center for Early
16 Education at Rutgers, the State University; the New Jersey
17 Association for the Education of Young Children; the New Jersey
18 Association of Child Care Resources and Referral Agencies; the New
19 Jersey Association of Early Childhood Teacher Educators; the New
20 Jersey Association of School Administrators; the New Jersey Child
21 Care Association; the New Jersey Congress of ¹[Parent] Parents¹
22 and Teachers; ¹the Statewide Parent Advocacy Network;¹ the New
23 Jersey Education Association; the New Jersey State Federation of
24 Teachers; ¹the New Jersey School Boards Association;¹ the New
25 Jersey Head Start Association; the New Jersey Policy Development
26 Board; the New Jersey Principals and Supervisors Association; and the
27 New Jersey Professional Development Center of New Jersey.

28 The public members shall serve for three year terms, but of the
29 members first appointed, ¹[five] six¹ shall be appointed for a term of
30 one year, ¹[five] six¹ shall be appointed for a term of two years and
31 ¹[six] seven¹ shall be appointed for a term of three years. A member
32 shall hold office for the term of his appointment and until his successor
33 has been appointed. Vacancies in the membership of the
34 commission shall be filled in the same manner as the original
35 appointments are made and a member may be eligible for
36 reappointment. Vacancies occurring other than by expiration of a term
37 shall be filled for the unexpired term.

38 The members of the commission shall serve without compensation
39 but shall be reimbursed for the reasonable expenses necessarily
40 incurred in the performance of their duties within the limits of funds
41 appropriated or otherwise made available to the commission for its

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Matter underlined thus is new matter.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

¹ Assembly AED committee amendments adopted March 23, 2000.

1 purposes.

2 b. The commission shall organize no later than 30 days after the
3 appointment of all the members and shall select a chairman from
4 among its members and a secretary who need not be a member of the
5 commission.

6 c. The department shall provide such stenographic, clerical and
7 other administrative assistants, and such professional staff, as the
8 commission requires to carry out its work.

9 d. It shall be the responsibility of the commission to provide advice
10 on early childhood education issues, including, but not limited to:

11 (1) the appropriate staff credentials for pre-school educators;

12 (2) appropriate Statewide standards for early childhood education
13 program design, implementation and assessment;

14 (3) the development of standards for appropriate facilities for early
15 childhood education programs;

16 (4) coordination of early childhood programs and services across
17 State agencies;

18 (5) the identification and dissemination of information on model
19 early childhood programs;

20 (6) the criteria and methodology ¹[for] as developed by the Office
21 of Early Childhood Education, in consultation with the commission,
22 pursuant to the provisions of P.L. , c. (C.) (now pending before
23 the Legislature as Assembly Bill No. 2123 of 2000), to be used by
24 Abbott districts, districts receiving Early Childhood Program Aid, and
25 all other districts that operate preschool programs for three- and four-
26 year olds in¹ conducting a comprehensive needs assessment ¹[in each
27 participating district]¹ ;

28 (7) the funding levels necessary to support high quality early
29 childhood education programs, including funding for certified, well-
30 trained teachers, developmentally appropriate curriculum and
31 materials, appropriate facilities and particularized needs demonstrated
32 through the needs assessment; and

33 (8) implementation of the early childhood education components
34 of the May 21, 1998 ¹[order] and March 7, 2000 orders¹ of the New
35 Jersey Supreme ¹[court] Court¹ in Abbott v. Burke, 153 N.J. 480
36 (1998) ¹and N.J. (2000) Docket # M-1336-98¹.

37

38 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

SENATE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

[First Reprint]

ASSEMBLY, No. 2122

with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JUNE 8, 2000

The Senate Education Committee reports favorably with committee amendments Assembly Bill No. 2122 (1R).

As amended, this bill establishes a Commission on Early Childhood Education in, but not of, the Department of Education. The commission will consist of 22 members, including the Commissioners of Education and Human Services, or their designees, and 20 public members appointed by the Governor. The public members will include two representatives of higher education and a representative from each of the following organizations: the New Jersey Child Care Advisory Council; the Association for Children of New Jersey; the Center for Early Education at Rutgers, the State University; the New Jersey Association for the Education of Young Children; the New Jersey Association of Child Care Resources and Referral Agencies; the New Jersey Association of Early Childhood Teacher Educators; the New Jersey Association of School Administrators; the New Jersey Child Care Association; the New Jersey Congress of Parents and Teachers; the Statewide Parent Advocacy Network; the New Jersey Education Association; the New Jersey State Federation of Teachers; the New Jersey School Boards Association; the New Jersey Head Start Association; the New Jersey Policy Development Board; the New Jersey Principals and Supervisors Association; the Advisory Committee for Nonpublic Schools of the Department of Education; and the New Jersey Professional Development Center of New Jersey.

The commission will have the responsibility of providing advice on early childhood education issues, including, but not limited to: the appropriate staff credentials for pre-school educators; appropriate Statewide standards for early childhood education program design, implementation and assessment; the development of standards for appropriate facilities for early childhood education programs; coordination of early childhood programs and services across State agencies, including the compilation of information on existing programs for purposes of comparison; the identification and dissemination of information on model early childhood programs; the

criteria and methodology to be used by Abbott districts, districts receiving Early Childhood Program Aid, and all other districts that operate preschool programs for three- and four-year olds in conducting a comprehensive needs assessment; the funding levels necessary to support high quality early childhood education programs; and implementation of the early childhood education components of the May 21, 1998 and March 7, 2000 orders of the New Jersey Supreme Court in *Abbott v. Burke* (Abbott V and Abbott VI).

The committee amended the bill to add a representative of the Advisory Committee for Nonpublic Schools of the Department of Education to the commission.

As reported, this bill is identical to S-1166 with Senate Education Committee amendments.

[Second Reprint]

ASSEMBLY, No. 2122

STATE OF NEW JERSEY
209th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED FEBRUARY 28, 2000

Sponsored by:

Assemblyman DAVID W. WOLFE

District 10 (Monmouth and Ocean)

Assemblyman JOSEPH R. MALONE, III

District 30 (Burlington, Monmouth and Ocean)

Co-Sponsored by:

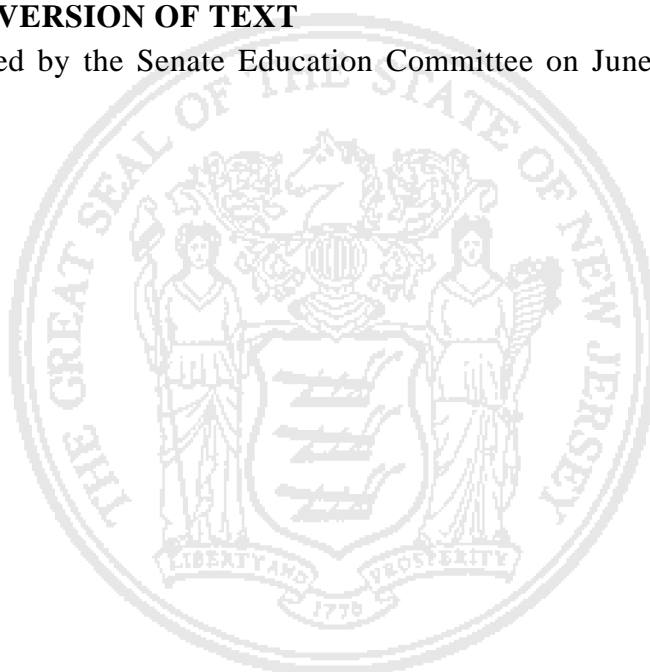
Senators Palaia and Turner

SYNOPSIS

Establishes a Commission on Early Childhood Education in but not of the DOE.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As reported by the Senate Education Committee on June 8, 2000, with amendments.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 6/27/2000)

1 AN ACT establishing a Commission on Early Childhood Education and
 2 supplementing chapter 44 of Title 18A of the New Jersey Statutes.

3
 4 **BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*
 5 *of New Jersey:*

6
 7 1. a. There is established a Commission on Early Childhood
 8 Education in, but not of, the Department of Education. The
 9 commission shall consist of ¹[19] ²[21¹] 22² members, including the
 10 Commissioners of Education and Human Services, or their designees,
 11 who shall serve as ex officio members, and ¹[17] ²[19¹] 20² public
 12 members who shall be appointed by the Governor, including two
 13 representatives of higher education and one representative of each of
 14 the following organizations: the New Jersey Child Care Advisory
 15 Council; the Association for Children of New Jersey; the Center for
 16 Early Education at Rutgers, the State University; the New Jersey
 17 Association for the Education of Young Children; the New Jersey
 18 Association of Child Care Resources and Referral Agencies; the New
 19 Jersey Association of Early Childhood Teacher Educators; the New
 20 Jersey Association of School Administrators; the New Jersey Child
 21 Care Association; the New Jersey Congress of ¹[Parent] Parents¹
 22 and Teachers; ¹the Statewide Parent Advocacy Network; ¹ the New
 23 Jersey Education Association; the New Jersey State Federation of
 24 Teachers; ¹the New Jersey School Boards Association; ¹ the New
 25 Jersey Head Start Association; the New Jersey Policy Development
 26 Board; the New Jersey Principals and Supervisors Association; ²the
 27 Advisory Committee for Nonpublic Schools of the Department of
 28 Education; ² and the New Jersey Professional Development Center of
 29 New Jersey.

30 The public members shall serve for three year terms, but of the
 31 members first appointed, ¹[five] six¹ shall be appointed for a term of
 32 one year, ¹[five] ²[six¹] seven² shall be appointed for a term of two
 33 years and ¹[six] seven¹ shall be appointed for a term of three years.
 34 A member shall hold office for the term of his appointment and until
 35 his successor has been appointed. Vacancies in the membership of
 36 the commission shall be filled in the same manner as the original
 37 appointments are made and a member may be eligible for
 38 reappointment. Vacancies occurring other than by expiration of a term
 39 shall be filled for the unexpired term.

40 The members of the commission shall serve without compensation
 41 but shall be reimbursed for the reasonable expenses necessarily

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¹ Assembly AED committee amendments adopted March 23, 2000.

² Senate SED committee amendments adopted June 8, 2000.

1 incurred in the performance of their duties within the limits of funds
2 appropriated or otherwise made available to the commission for its
3 purposes.

4 b. The commission shall organize no later than 30 days after the
5 appointment of all the members and shall select a chairman from
6 among its members and a secretary who need not be a member of the
7 commission.

8 c. The department shall provide such stenographic, clerical and
9 other administrative assistants, and such professional staff, as the
10 commission requires to carry out its work.

11 d. It shall be the responsibility of the commission to provide advice
12 on early childhood education issues, including, but not limited to:

13 (1) the appropriate staff credentials for pre-school educators;

14 (2) appropriate Statewide standards for early childhood education
15 program design, implementation and assessment;

16 (3) the development of standards for appropriate facilities for early
17 childhood education programs;

18 (4) coordination of early childhood programs and services across
19 State agencies;

20 (5) the identification and dissemination of information on model
21 early childhood programs;

22 (6) the criteria and methodology ¹[for] as developed by the Office
23 of Early Childhood Education, in consultation with the commission,
24 pursuant to the provisions of P.L. , c. (C.) (now pending before
25 the Legislature as Assembly Bill No. 2123 of 2000), to be used by
26 Abbott districts, districts receiving Early Childhood Program Aid, and
27 all other districts that operate preschool programs for three- and four-
28 year olds in¹ conducting a comprehensive needs assessment ¹[in each
29 participating district]¹;

30 (7) the funding levels necessary to support high quality early
31 childhood education programs, including funding for certified, well-
32 trained teachers, developmentally appropriate curriculum and
33 materials, appropriate facilities and particularized needs demonstrated
34 through the needs assessment; and

35 (8) implementation of the early childhood education components
36 of the May 21, 1998 ¹[order] and March 7, 2000 orders¹ of the New
37 Jersey Supreme ¹[court] Court¹ in Abbott v. Burke, 153 N.J. 480
38 (1998) ¹and N.J. (2000) Docket # M-1336-98¹.

39

40 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

[Third Reprint]

ASSEMBLY, No. 2122

STATE OF NEW JERSEY
209th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED FEBRUARY 28, 2000

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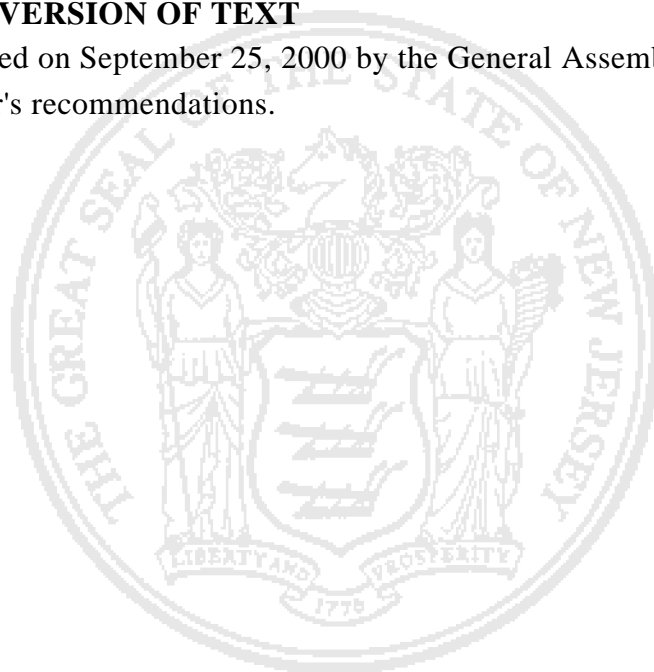
Senators Palaia, Turner and Assemblyman Conaway

SYNOPSIS

Establishes a Commission on Early Childhood Education in but not of the DOE.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As amended on September 25, 2000 by the General Assembly pursuant to the Governor's recommendations.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 10/6/2000)

1 AN ACT establishing a Commission on Early Childhood Education and
 2 supplementing chapter 44 of Title 18A of the New Jersey Statutes.

3
 4 **BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*
 5 *of New Jersey:*

6
 7 1. a. There is established a Commission on Early Childhood
 8 Education in, but not of, the Department of Education. The
 9 commission shall consist of ¹[19] ²[21¹] ³[22²] 23³ members,
 10 including the Commissioners of Education and Human Services ³and
 11 the State Treasurer³, or their designees, who shall serve as ex officio
 12 members, and ¹[17] ²[19¹]20² public members who shall be
 13 appointed by the Governor, including two representatives of higher
 14 education and one representative of each of the following
 15 organizations: the New Jersey Child Care Advisory Council; the
 16 Association for Children of New Jersey; the Center for Early
 17 Education at Rutgers, the State University; the New Jersey
 18 Association for the Education of Young Children; the New Jersey
 19 Association of Child Care Resources and Referral Agencies; the New
 20 Jersey Association of Early Childhood Teacher Educators; the New
 21 Jersey Association of School Administrators; the New Jersey Child
 22 Care Association; the New Jersey Congress of ¹[Parent] Parents¹
 23 and Teachers; ¹the Statewide Parent Advocacy Network¹; ¹ the New
 24 Jersey Education Association; the New Jersey State Federation of
 25 Teachers; ¹the New Jersey School Boards Association¹; ¹ the New
 26 Jersey Head Start Association; the New Jersey Policy Development
 27 Board; the New Jersey Principals and Supervisors Association; ²the
 28 Advisory Committee for Nonpublic Schools of the Department of
 29 Education²; ² and the New Jersey Professional Development Center of
 30 New Jersey.

31 ³Within 60 days of the effective date of this act, and at least one
 32 month prior to the expiration of the term of a member nominated by
 33 an organization listed above, that organization shall submit to the
 34 Governor three nominees for consideration, from which the Governor
 35 may choose. If any organization does not submit three nominees for
 36 consideration at any time required, the Governor may appoint a
 37 member of her choice.

38 Of the 20 public members appointed by the Governor, no more than
 39 10 shall be of the same political party. Of the 20 public members

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¹ Assembly AED committee amendments adopted March 23, 2000.

² Senate SED committee amendments adopted June 8, 2000.

³ Assembly amendments adopted in accordance with Governor's recommendations September 25, 2000.

1 appointed by the Governor, at least six shall represent the northern
2 region of the State and reside in one of the following counties: Bergen,
3 Essex, Hudson, Morris, Passaic, Sussex, Union or Warren. Of the 20
4 public members appointed by the Governor, at least six shall represent
5 the central region of the State and reside in one of the following
6 counties: Hunterdon, Somerset, Middlesex, Mercer, Monmouth or
7 Ocean. Of the 20 public members appointed by the Governor, at least
8 six shall represent the southern region of the State and reside in one
9 of the following counties: Atlantic, Burlington, Camden, Cape May,
10 Cumberland, Gloucester or Salem.³

11 The public members shall serve for three year terms, but of the
12 members first appointed, ¹[five] six¹ shall be appointed for a term of
13 one year, ¹[five] ²[six¹] seven² shall be appointed for a term of two
14 years and ¹[six] seven¹ shall be appointed for a term of three years.
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3 Program Aid, and all other districts that operate preschool programs
4 for three- and four-year olds in¹ conducting a comprehensive needs
5 assessment]³ ¹[in each participating district]¹;
6 ³[(7)] (6)³ the funding levels necessary to support high quality
7 early childhood education programs, including funding for certified,
8 well-trained teachers, developmentally appropriate curriculum and
9 materials, appropriate facilities and particularized needs
10 ³[demonstrated through the needs assessment; and
11 (8) implementation of the early childhood education components
12 of the May 21, 1998 ¹[order] and March 7, 2000 orders¹ of the New
13 Jersey Supreme ¹[court] Court¹ in Abbott v. Burke, 153 N.J. 480
14 (1998) ¹and N.J. (2000) Docket # M-1336-98¹]³.

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16 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

P.L. 2000, CHAPTER 138, *approved November 1, 2000*
Assembly, No. 2122 (*Third Reprint*)

1 **AN ACT** establishing a Commission on Early Childhood Education and
2 supplementing chapter 44 of Title 18A of the New Jersey Statutes.

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4 **BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*
5 *of New Jersey:*

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7 1. a. There is established a Commission on Early Childhood
8 Education in, but not of, the Department of Education. The
9 commission shall consist of ¹[19] ²[21¹] ³[22²] 23³ members,
10 including the Commissioners of Education and Human Services ³and
11 the State Treasurer³, or their designees, who shall serve as ex officio
12 members, and ¹[17] ²[19¹]20² public members who shall be
13 appointed by the Governor, including two representatives of higher
14 education and one representative of each of the following
15 organizations: the New Jersey Child Care Advisory Council; the
16 Association for Children of New Jersey; the Center for Early
17 Education at Rutgers, the State University; the New Jersey
18 Association for the Education of Young Children; the New Jersey
19 Association of Child Care Resources and Referral Agencies; the New
20 Jersey Association of Early Childhood Teacher Educators; the New
21 Jersey Association of School Administrators; the New Jersey Child
22 Care Association; the New Jersey Congress of ¹[Parent] Parents¹
23 and Teachers; ¹the Statewide Parent Advocacy Network¹; ¹ the New
24 Jersey Education Association; the New Jersey State Federation of
25 Teachers; ¹the New Jersey School Boards Association¹; ¹ the New
26 Jersey Head Start Association; the New Jersey Policy Development
27 Board; the New Jersey Principals and Supervisors Association; ²the
28 Advisory Committee for Nonpublic Schools of the Department of
29 Education²; ² and the New Jersey Professional Development Center of
30 New Jersey.

31 ³Within 60 days of the effective date of this act, and at least one
32 month prior to the expiration of the term of a member nominated by
33 an organization listed above, that organization shall submit to the
34 Governor three nominees for consideration, from which the Governor
35 may choose. If any organization does not submit three nominees for
36 consideration at any time required, the Governor may appoint a
37 member of her choice.

38 Of the 20 public members appointed by the Governor, no more than

EXPLANATION - Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

¹ Assembly AED committee amendments adopted March 23, 2000.

² Senate SED committee amendments adopted June 8, 2000.

³ Assembly amendments adopted in accordance with Governor's recommendations September 25, 2000.

1 10 shall be of the same political party. Of the 20 public members
2 appointed by the Governor, at least six shall represent the northern
3 region of the State and reside in one of the following counties: Bergen,
4 Essex, Hudson, Morris, Passaic, Sussex, Union or Warren. Of the 20
5 public members appointed by the Governor, at least six shall represent
6 the central region of the State and reside in one of the following
7 counties: Hunterdon, Somerset, Middlesex, Mercer, Monmouth or
8 Ocean. Of the 20 public members appointed by the Governor, at least
9 six shall represent the southern region of the State and reside in one
10 of the following counties: Atlantic, Burlington, Camden, Cape May,
11 Cumberland, Gloucester or Salem.³

12 The public members shall serve for three year terms, but of the
13 members first appointed, ¹[five] six¹ shall be appointed for a term of
14 one year, ¹[five] ²[six¹] seven² shall be appointed for a term of two
15 years and ¹[six] seven¹ shall be appointed for a term of three years.
16 A member shall hold office for the term of his appointment and until
17 his successor has been appointed. Vacancies in the membership of
18 the commission shall be filled in the same manner as the original
19 appointments are made and a member may be eligible for
20 reappointment. Vacancies occurring other than by expiration of a term
21 shall be filled for the unexpired term.

22 The members of the commission shall serve without compensation
23 but shall be reimbursed for the reasonable expenses necessarily
24 incurred in the performance of their duties within the limits of funds
25 appropriated or otherwise made available to the commission for its
26 purposes.

27 b. The commission shall organize no later than 30 days after the
28 appointment of all the members and shall select a chairman from
29 among its members and a secretary who need not be a member of the
30 commission.

31 c. The department shall provide such stenographic, clerical and
32 other administrative assistants, and such professional staff, as the
33 commission requires to carry out its work.

34 d. It shall be the responsibility of the commission to provide advice
35 on early childhood education issues, including, but not limited to:

- 36 (1) the appropriate staff credentials for pre-school educators;
- 37 (2) appropriate Statewide standards for early childhood education
38 program design, implementation and assessment;
- 39 (3) the development of standards for appropriate facilities for early
40 childhood education programs;
- 41 (4) coordination of early childhood programs and services across
42 State agencies;
- 43 (5) the identification and dissemination of information on model
44 early childhood programs;

45 ³[(6) the criteria and methodology ¹[for] as developed by the
46 Office of Early Childhood Education, in consultation with the

1 commission, pursuant to the provisions of P.L. , c. (C.) (now
2 pending before the Legislature as Assembly Bill No. 2123 of 2000), to
3 be used by Abbott districts, districts receiving Early Childhood
4 Program Aid, and all other districts that operate preschool programs
5 for three- and four-year olds in¹ conducting a comprehensive needs
6 assessment]³ ¹[in each participating district]¹;

7 ³[(7)] ³(6)³ the funding levels necessary to support high quality
8 early childhood education programs, including funding for certified,
9 well-trained teachers, developmentally appropriate curriculum and
10 materials, appropriate facilities and particularized needs
11 ³[demonstrated through the needs assessment; and

12 (8) implementation of the early childhood education components
13 of the May 21, 1998 ¹[order] and March 7, 2000 orders¹ of the New
14 Jersey Supreme ¹[court] Court¹ in Abbott v. Burke, 153 N.J. 480
15 (1998) ¹and N.J. (2000) Docket # M-1336-98¹]³.

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CHAPTER 138

AN ACT establishing a Commission on Early Childhood Education and supplementing chapter 44 of Title 18A of the New Jersey Statutes.

BE IT ENACTED *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:*

C.18A:44-5 Commission on Early Childhood Education.

1. a. There is established a Commission on Early Childhood Education in, but not of, the Department of Education. The commission shall consist of 23 members, including the Commissioners of Education and Human Services and the State Treasurer, or their designees, who shall serve as ex officio members, and 20 public members who shall be appointed by the Governor, including two representatives of higher education and one representative of each of the following organizations: the New Jersey Child Care Advisory Council; the Association for Children of New Jersey; the Center for Early Education at Rutgers, the State University; the New Jersey Association for the Education of Young Children; the New Jersey Association of Child Care Resources and Referral Agencies; the New Jersey Association of Early Childhood Teacher Educators; the New Jersey Association of School Administrators; the New Jersey Child Care Association; the New Jersey Congress of Parents and Teachers; the Statewide Parent Advocacy Network; the New Jersey Education Association; the New Jersey State Federation of Teachers; the New Jersey School Boards Association; the New Jersey Head Start Association; the New Jersey Policy Development Board; the New Jersey Principals and Supervisors Association; the Advisory Committee for Nonpublic Schools of the Department of Education; and the New Jersey Professional Development Center of New Jersey.

Within 60 days of the effective date of this act, and at least one month prior to the expiration of the term of a member nominated by an organization listed above, that organization shall submit to the Governor three nominees for consideration, from which the Governor may choose. If any organization does not submit three nominees for consideration at any time required, the Governor may appoint a member of her choice.

Of the 20 public members appointed by the Governor, no more than 10 shall be of the same political party. Of the 20 public members appointed by the Governor, at least six shall represent the northern region of the State and reside in one of the following counties: Bergen, Essex, Hudson, Morris, Passaic, Sussex, Union or Warren. Of the 20 public members appointed by the Governor, at least six shall represent the central region of the State and reside in one of the following counties: Hunterdon, Somerset, Middlesex, Mercer, Monmouth or Ocean. Of the 20 public members appointed by the Governor, at least six shall represent the southern region of the State and reside in one of the following counties: Atlantic, Burlington, Camden, Cape May, Cumberland, Gloucester or Salem.

The public members shall serve for three-year terms, but of the members first appointed, six shall be appointed for a term of one year, seven shall be appointed for a term of two years and seven shall be appointed for a term of three years. A member shall hold office for the term of his appointment and until his successor has been appointed.

Vacancies in the membership of the commission shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointments are made and a member may be eligible for reappointment. Vacancies occurring other than by expiration of a term shall be filled for the unexpired term.

The members of the commission shall serve without compensation but shall be reimbursed for the reasonable expenses necessarily incurred in the performance of their duties within the limits of funds appropriated or otherwise made available to the commission for its purposes.

b. The commission shall organize no later than 30 days after the appointment of all the members and shall select a chairman from among its members and a secretary who need not be a member of the commission.

c. The department shall provide such stenographic, clerical and other administrative assistants, and such professional staff, as the commission requires to carry out its work.

d. It shall be the responsibility of the commission to provide advice on early childhood education issues, including, but not limited to:

- (1) the appropriate staff credentials for pre-school educators;
- (2) appropriate Statewide standards for early childhood education program design, implementation and assessment;
- (3) the development of standards for appropriate facilities for early childhood education

programs;

- (4) coordination of early childhood programs and services across State agencies;
- (5) the identification and dissemination of information on model early childhood programs;
- (6) the funding levels necessary to support high quality early childhood education programs, including funding for certified, well-trained teachers, developmentally appropriate curriculum and materials, appropriate facilities and particularized needs.

2. This act shall take effect immediately.

Establishes a Commission on Early Childhood Education in but not of the DOE.

Approved November 1, 2000.

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 2122
(Second Reprint)

To the General Assembly:

Pursuant to Article V, Section I, Paragraph 14 of the New Jersey Constitution, I am returning Assembly Bill No. 2122 (Second Reprint) with my recommendations for reconsideration.

A. Summary of Bill

This bill establishes a Commission on Early Childhood Education ("Commission") in, but not of, the Department of Education (DOE). The Commission will provide advice on early childhood education issues. Issues to be addressed by the Commission include: credentials for pre-school educators; Statewide standards for early childhood education programs and facilities; coordination of early childhood programs and services across State agencies; and the identification and dissemination of information on model early childhood programs. Further, the Commission will advise the DOE on the criteria and methodology for conducting a comprehensive needs assessment in each school district and the funding levels necessary to support high quality early childhood education programs. Lastly, the Commission would advise DOE on the implementation of the early childhood education components of the Abbott v. Burke decision.

B. Recommended Action

I commend the sponsors for their commitment to early childhood education. High quality early childhood education programs are critical to the successful futures of the children of our State.

The Commission created by the bill will provide an important forum to address issues affecting early childhood education. While I support the bill's goals, I am concerned with some of the Commission's responsibilities as set forth in the bill.

On May 1, 2000, I signed Executive Order #113 establishing a 17-member Abbott Implementation Advisory Council ("Council") in, but not of, the Department of Education. This Council will review and evaluate the State's urban education reform efforts, including a review of the court mandated early childhood education program, and recommend policy and operational changes to achieve meaningful

educational reform. The Council will also assess the degree of coordination of governmental services, higher education and related community services in achieving urban education reform, and recommend ways to improve that coordination. The Commission created by this bill would be charged, in part, with a similar responsibility. I recommend that those portions of the Commission's authority that overlap with the Council's authority be deleted from the bill, in order to avoid duplication of effort and promote the prudent use of State resources.

In addition, I am recommending language which will ensure that the Commissions' membership contains a balance of political affiliation and geographical representation. I also recommend that each organization that will have a gubernatorial appointee as a representative on the Commission provide the Governor with three nominees for consideration. Lastly, I recommend that the State Treasurer or the Treasurer's designee be included as a Commission member.

Therefore, I herewith return Assembly Bill No. 2122 (Second Reprint) and recommend that it be amended as follows:

<u>Page 2, Section 1, Line 9:</u>	Delete "22" Insert "23"
<u>Page 2, Section 1, Line 10:</u>	After "Services" Insert "and the State Treasurer"
<u>Page 2, Section 1, Line 29:</u>	<p>After "." Insert "Within 60 days of the effective date of this act, and at least one month prior to the expiration of the term of a member nominated by an organization listed above, that organization shall submit to the Governor three nominees for consideration, from which the Governor may choose. If any organization does not submit three nominees for consideration at any time required, the Governor may appoint a member of her choice.</p> <p>Of the 20 public members appointed by the Governor, no more than 10 shall be of the same political party. Of the 20 public members appointed by the Governor, at least six shall represent the northern region of the State and reside in one of the following counties; Bergen, Essex, Hudson, Morris, Passaic, Sussex, Union or Warren. Of the 20 public members appointed by the Governor, at least six shall represent the central region of the State and reside in one of the following counties; Hunterdon,</p>

Somerset, Middlesex, Mercer, Monmouth or Ocean. Of the 20 public members appointed by the Governor, at least six shall represent the southern region of the State and reside in one of the following counties; Atlantic, Burlington, Camden, Cape May, Cumberland, Gloucester or Salem.”

Page 3, Section 1, Lines 22-28:

Delete in their entirety

Page 3, Section 1, Line 30:

Delete "(7)" Insert "(6)"

Page 3, Section 1, Line 33:

After “needs” insert “.” delete “demonstrated”

Page 3, Section 1, Lines 34-38:

Delete in their entirety

Respectfully,

/s/ Christine Todd Whitman

Governor

[seal]

Attest:

/s/ Robert E. Fabricant

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Governor Christie Whitman today signed the following legislation:

A-2122, sponsored by Assembly Members Wolfe (R-Monmouth/Ocean) and Malone (R-Burlington/Monmouth/Ocean) and Senators Palaia (R-Monmouth) and Turner (D-Mercer), establishes a Commission on Early Childhood Education in but not of the Department of Education. The bill incorporates recommendations made by the Governor in a conditional veto.

A-2123, sponsored by Assembly Members Wolfe (R-Monmouth/Ocean) and Malone (R-Burlington/Monmouth/Ocean) and Senators Palaia (R-Monmouth) and Turner (D-Mercer), establishes an Office on Early Childhood Education in the Department of Education. The bill incorporates recommendations made by the Governor in a conditional veto.

A-52, sponsored by Assembly Members Jones (D-Essex) and Bateman (R-Morris/Somerset), increases the maximum number of votes of a member of a mutual savings and loan association.

A-2265, sponsored by Assembly Members Bateman (R-Morris/Somerset) and Augustine (R-Middlesex/Morris/Somerset/Union) and Senator Bennett (R-Monmouth), allows banks, savings banks and savings and loan associations to act as title insurance producers.

S-631, sponsored by Senators Matheussen (R-Camden/Gloucester) and Singer (R-Burlington/Monmouth/Ocean) and Assembly Members Holzapfel (R-Monmouth/Ocean) and Moran (R-Atlantic/Burlington/Ocean), clarifies penalty for possession of 50 or more marijuana plants with intent to distribute.