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WHEREAS, There is now increasing pressure on public and private agencies to expand programs for these children; now, therefore,

~~SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Governor shall direct the State Department of Education to establish an Interagency Advisory Committee for Early Childhood Development and Education.~~

~~SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Interagency Advisory Committee for Early Childhood Development and Education shall:~~

- ~~(1) promote and encourage early childhood education in the State;~~
- ~~(2) ensure that existing private and public child care delivery systems are taken into account in the development of public preschool programs;~~
- ~~(3) develop methods to evaluate and monitor preschool programs in order to ensure that preschool programs conform to developmentally appropriate early childhood education standards;~~
- ~~(4) recommend criteria and procedures for the distribution of early childhood development funds to the 24 local subdivisions;~~
- ~~(5) publish annual reports of data on education and child care programs and services collated from data collected by other private and public agencies;~~
- ~~(6) support the appointment by the chief executive officer of each local jurisdiction of a new panel or designation of an existing committee as the Local Interagency Advisory Council;~~
- ~~(7) encourage planning for comprehensive services for children by each Local Interagency Advisory Council;~~
- ~~(8) provide technical assistance and support to local councils for comprehensive planning; and~~
- ~~(9) maintain communications with Maryland's Special Secretary for Children, Youth, and Families and with other child related committees.~~

~~SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Interagency Advisory Committee for Early Childhood Development and Education be composed of:~~

- ~~(1) a member of the House of Delegates, appointed by the Speaker of the House, and a member of the Senate of Maryland, appointed by the President of the Senate;~~
- ~~(2) a representative of the Department of Education, appointed by the State Superintendent of Schools;~~
- ~~(3) a representative of the Office for Children, Youth, and Families, appointed by the Special Secretary for Children, Youth, and Families;~~
- ~~(4) a representative of the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene,~~