

(3) A member who is appointed after a term has begun serves only for the rest of the term and until a successor is appointed and qualifies.

(4) (i) If a vacancy occurs, the [Secretary] STATE SUPERINTENDENT promptly shall appoint a successor who will serve until the term expires.

(ii) The successor may be reappointed for a full term.

(5) Any member who leaves the position with the organization or State agency that the member represents on the Council shall automatically lose their appointment to the Council and the [Secretary] STATE SUPERINTENDENT shall promptly appoint a successor.

(d) From among the members of the Council, the [Secretary] STATE SUPERINTENDENT shall appoint a chairman.

(e) (1) A majority of the members then serving on the Council is a quorum.

(2) The Council shall meet at least once a year at the time and place it decides.

(3) The Department shall provide staff for the Council.

(f) (1) A member of the Council may not receive compensation for duties performed as a member of the Council.

(2) A member of the Council who is a user of child care services, a family day care provider, or a child care provider from a child care center is entitled to reimbursement for expenses under the Standard State Travel Regulations, as provided in the State budget.

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The Council shall:

(1) advise and counsel the [Child Care Administration] EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT DIVISION OF THE DEPARTMENT;

(2) review regulations proposed by State agencies regulating child care for the purpose of insuring coordination and consistency;

(3) review issues and problems relating to care of children and suggest priorities for consideration by the [Child Care Administration] EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT DIVISION; and

(4) identify interdepartmental issues of importance to child care providers and users that should be addressed by the [Child Care Administration of the Department] EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT DIVISION and other State agencies.

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(a) In this part the following words have the meanings indicated.

(b) "Child care center" has the meaning stated in § 5-570 of this subtitle.