

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 113—ASSEMBLYWOMAN THOMAS

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Referred to Committee on Government Affairs

SUMMARY—Creates the Office of Early Childhood Systems within the Office of the Governor. (BDR 18-65)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.
Effect on the State: Contains Appropriation not included in Executive Budget.

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EXPLANATION – Matter in *bolded italics* is new; matter between brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to children; creating the Office of Early Childhood Systems within the Office of the Governor; prescribing the duties of the Office of Early Childhood Systems; making an appropriation; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

Existing law creates various offices within the Office of the Governor, including, without limitation, the Office of Finance, the Office of Federal Assistance, the Office of Science, Innovation and Technology, the Office for New Americans and the Public Health Resource Office. (NRS 223.400-223.930) **Section 1** of this bill: (1) creates the Office of Early Childhood Systems within the Office of the Governor; and (2) requires the Governor to appoint the Director of the Office of Early Childhood Systems. The Office of Early Childhood Systems is required to: (1) analyze whether the existing early childhood system meets the needs of this State; (2) evaluate the effectiveness of the relationships between certain persons and governmental entities that provide early childhood services; and (3) identify and make certain recommendations to the Governor, the Legislature and certain other persons and governmental entities relating to early childhood services.

Existing law authorizes the Governor, within the limits of available money, to employ such persons as he or she deems necessary to provide an appropriate staff for the Office of the Governor, including, without limitation, certain other offices that are created within the Office of the Governor. (NRS 223.085) **Section 2** of this bill authorizes the Governor, within the limits of available money, to also employ such persons as he or she deems necessary to provide appropriate staff for the Office of Early Childhood Systems.

Section 3 of this bill makes an appropriation for the personnel, travel, operating and equipment costs for the Office of Early Childhood Systems to perform its duties.



THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN
SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1 **Section 1.** Chapter 223 of NRS is hereby amended by adding
2 thereto a new section to read as follows:

3 1. *The Office of Early Childhood Systems is hereby created in*
4 *the Office of the Governor.*

5 2. *The Governor shall appoint a person who is knowledgeable*
6 *in the field of early childhood systems to serve as the Director of*
7 *the Office of Early Childhood Systems. The Director is not in the*
8 *classified or unclassified service of the State and serves at the*
9 *pleasure of the Governor.*

10 3. *The Office of Early Childhood Systems may accept gifts,*
11 *grants and donations to support its duties.*

12 4. *The Office of Early Childhood Systems shall:*

13 (a) *Analyze whether the existing early childhood system meets*
14 *the needs of this State;*

15 (b) *Evaluate the effectiveness of the relationships between*
16 *persons and governmental entities that provide early childhood*
17 *services, including, without limitation, the Department of Health*
18 *and Human Services, the Department of Education, the State*
19 *Department of Agriculture, the Nevada System of Higher*
20 *Education, the Department of Public Safety, the Department of*
21 *Employment, Training and Rehabilitation, the Nevada Early*
22 *Childhood Advisory Council established pursuant to NRS*
23 *432A.076, the Advisory Board on Maternal and Child Health*
24 *created pursuant to NRS 442.133, nonprofit organizations,*
25 *providers of early childhood learning and providers of health*
26 *care; and*

27 (c) *Identify and make recommendations to the Governor, the*
28 *Legislature and the persons and governmental entities described*
29 *in paragraph (a) relating to:*

30 (1) *Unmet needs for comprehensive early childhood*
31 *services, including, without limitation, early learning, maternal*
32 *and early childhood health, mental and behavioral health, safety*
33 *and economic security;*

34 (2) *Opportunities to obtain federal or private funding to*
35 *support comprehensive early childhood services in this State;*

36 (3) *Ways in which to improve coordination between state*
37 *and local governmental entities, providers of early learning,*
38 *providers of health care and parents and other family members;*

39 (4) *Policies, practices and funding mechanisms to*
40 *maximize efficiency in the delivery of early childhood services;*
41 *and*



1 (5) *Opportunities to integrate parents and other family*
2 *members in leadership and decision-making roles in the early*
3 *childhood system.*

4 5. *As used in this section, unless the context otherwise*
5 *requires:*

6 (a) *“Early childhood” means the period of a child’s life*
7 *beginning with the prenatal period and through 8 years of age.*

8 (b) *“Early childhood system” means the governmental*
9 *structure of the State and its political subdivisions that provide*
10 *early childhood services relating to nutrition, health care, mental*
11 *and behavioral health, protection and play and early learning that*
12 *stimulate a child’s physical, cognitive, linguistic, social and*
13 *emotional development.*

14 **Sec. 2.** NRS 223.085 is hereby amended to read as follows:

15 223.085 1. The Governor may, within the limits of available
16 money, employ such persons as he or she deems necessary to
17 provide an appropriate staff for the Office of the Governor,
18 including, without limitation, the Office of Economic Development,
19 the Office of Federal Assistance, the Office of Science, Innovation
20 and Technology, the Public Health Resource Office, *the Office of*
21 *Early Childhood Systems* and the Governor’s mansion. Except as
22 otherwise provided by specific statute, such employees are not in the
23 classified or unclassified service of the State and, except as
24 otherwise provided in NRS 231.043 and 231.047, serve at the
25 pleasure of the Governor.

26 2. Except as otherwise provided by specific statute, the
27 Governor shall:

28 (a) Determine the salaries and benefits of the persons employed
29 pursuant to subsection 1, within limits of money available for that
30 purpose; and

31 (b) Adopt such rules and policies as he or she deems appropriate
32 to establish the duties and employment rights of the persons
33 employed pursuant to subsection 1.

34 3. The Governor may:

35 (a) Appoint a Chief Information Officer of the State; or

36 (b) Designate the Administrator as the Chief Information Officer
37 of the State.

38 ➤ If the Administrator is so appointed, the Administrator shall serve
39 as the Chief Information Officer of the State without additional
40 compensation.

41 4. As used in this section, “Administrator” means the
42 Administrator of the Division of Enterprise Information Technology
43 Services of the Department of Administration.

44 **Sec. 3.** 1. There is hereby appropriated from the State
45 General Fund to the Office of Early Childhood Systems within the



1 Office of the Governor created by section 1 of this act for personnel,
2 travel, operating and equipment the following sums:

3	For the Fiscal Year 2023-2024	\$148,667
4	For the Fiscal Year 2024-2025	\$150,719

5 2. Any balance of the sums appropriated by subsection 1
6 remaining at the end of the respective fiscal years must not be
7 committed for expenditure after June 30 of the respective fiscal
8 years by the entity to which the appropriation is made or any entity
9 to which money from the appropriation is granted or otherwise
10 transferred in any manner, and any portion of the appropriated
11 money remaining must not be spent for any purpose after
12 September 20, 2024, and September 19, 2025, respectively, by
13 either the entity to which the money was appropriated or the entity
14 to which the money was subsequently granted or transferred, and
15 must be reverted to the State General Fund on or before
16 September 20, 2024, and September 19, 2025, respectively.

17 **Sec. 4.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2023.

