

## 2012 Kansas Statutes

**46-1208e. Early childhood education, study by LEPC and 2010 commission; recommendations and reports.** (a) The legislative educational planning committee in collaboration with the 2010 commission shall study and make recommendations relating to early childhood education. The committee and commission shall:

- (1) Develop a coordinated, comprehensive system for the delivery of early childhood education services;
- (2) identify priorities for early childhood education services;
- (3) identify barriers to service and gaps in service due to strict definition of boundaries between departments and agencies;
- (4) facilitate interagency and interdepartmental cooperation toward the common goal of serving children;
- (5) investigate and identify methodologies for the combining of funds across departmental boundaries to better serve children;
- (6) propose actions needed to achieve coordination of funding and services across departmental lines;
- (7) encourage and facilitate joint planning and coordination between the public and private sectors to better serve the needs of children;
- (8) determine whether a centralized internet-based reporting system would provide a more efficient and effective system to comply with reporting requirements imposed by law;
- (9) make recommendations relating to the design of a universal application form and single point of access for families in need of early childhood education services;
- (10) evaluate and report on the performance and cost effectiveness of early childhood education services and make recommendations necessary to ensure that private entities and public agencies are accountable for the progress of children and that such services produce high quality opportunities for children;
- (11) make recommendations to improve communication with local agencies which provide early childhood education services in order to keep such local agencies informed of the availability of state and federal moneys for early childhood education services and make recommendations to assist such local agencies in obtaining such state and federal moneys and the utilization of such moneys so as to avoid waste and abuse;
- (12) conduct hearings to receive a wide variety of input from individuals and groups affected by and concerned with the quality, efficiency and cost of early childhood education services; and
- (13) prepare a plan which recommends the establishment by January 1, 2009, of the office of early childhood education and the manner in which such office should be structured.

(b) For the purposes of conducting the study required by subsection (a), the commissioner of education, the secretary of the Kansas department of health and environment, the secretary of the state department of social and rehabilitation services and the executive director of the Kansas children's cabinet shall be ex officio members of the legislative educational planning committee and the 2010 commission.

(c) On or before December 31, 2007, the legislative educational planning committee shall submit a report of its activities to the governor and the legislature. Such report shall include the recommendations adopted by the committee and the 2010 commission and a copy of the plan adopted pursuant to paragraph (13) of subsection (a). The report shall include recommendations for changes in the law which are necessary to implement such recommendations and plan.

**History:** L. 2007, ch. 188, § 1; July 1.