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**To:** Legislative Council

**Requested by:** Representative Cherylin Peniston

**Re:** Request for interim study committee regarding commission on early childhood and school readiness.

**Date:** 4/17/2014

**Information Required Pursuant to Section 2-3-303.3, C.R.S.**

I hereby request that an interim study committee be formed to study early childhood issues and school readiness during the interim between the 2014 and 2015 legislative sessions. The interim study committee would be named the "Early Childhood and School Readiness Legislative Commission."

The policy issues to be studied are listed in section 26-6.5-203 (2) (a), C.R.S. These issues shall include, but are not limited to: health care, mental health, parental involvement, family support, child care, and early learning.

The interim study committee would need to meet four times to study the issues.

The interim study committee should consist of six members of the General Assembly selected as follows and as noted in section 26-6.5-203 (1) (b), C.R.S.:

- Three members of the Senate, with two appointed by the President of the Senate, one of whom serves on the Senate Education Committee, or any successor committee, and one of whom serves on the Senate Health and Human Services Committee, or any successor committee, and one appointed by the minority leader of the Senate who also serves on the Senate Education Committee, or any successor committee.
- Three members of the House of Representatives, with two appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, one of whom serves on the Education Committee of the House of Representatives, or any successor committee, and one of whom serves on the Public Health Care and Human Services Committee of the House of Representatives, or any successor committee, and one appointed by the minority leader of the House of Representatives who also serves on the Education Committee of the House of Representatives, or any successor committee.

Nonlegislative members will not have a role in the interim study committee.

A task force is not necessary to assist the interim study committee in studying the scope of policy issues described above.

The interim study committee will need five bills to address the issues it studies.

**Additional Information Related to the Interim Study Committee Request**

Identify any agencies (other than legislative service agencies) that may be called upon to provide assistance or information to the interim study committee: Colorado Department of Education, Colorado Department of Human Services, Colorado Department of Health Care Policy and Financing, and Colorado Department of Higher Education.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rep. Cherylin Peniston".

Representative Cherylin Peniston