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This letter reflects the authorization for the commission as approved by Legislative Council at its meeting on April 24, 2015.

Requested by: Senator Todd
With support of: Senator(s) Kefalas

Re: Request for staffing for the Early Childhood and School Readiness
Legislative Commission

Date: 04/24/2015

The Early Childhood and School Readiness Legislative Commission was created in statute in 2013 (Section 26-6.5-203, C.R.S.). The commission may hold up to **6 meetings** during the interim between the 2015 and 2016 legislative sessions, and is charged with studying issues concerning early childhood and school readiness, including but not limited to health care, mental health, parental involvement, family support, child care, and early learning.

The commission consists of **6 members** of the General Assembly:

- 3 members of the Senate; and
- 3 members of the House of Representatives.

The President of the Senate appoints 2 members, 1 of whom serves on the Senate Education Committee and 1 of whom serves on the Senate Health and Human Services Committee. The minority leader of the Senate appoints 1 member who also serves on the Senate Education Committee. The Speaker of the House of Representatives appoints 2 members, 1 of whom serves on the House Education Committee and 1 of whom serves on the House Public Health and Human Services Committee. The minority leader of the House of Representatives appoints 1 member who also serves on the House Education Committee. The chair and vice-chair alternate annually between the two houses. In 2014, the commission was chaired by Representative Pettersen. In 2015, the chair will be appointed by the President of the Senate and the vice-chair will be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

The commission is repealed effective July 1, 2018.

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

Staffing will be provided by Legislative Council Staff during the interim between the 2015 and 2016 legislative sessions.

The commission may recommend up to **5 bills** to address the issues it studies.

Nonlegislative members will not have a role in the interim study committee, nor is a task force necessary to assist the commission in studying the scope of policy issues. The following agencies 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.