

# North Dakota

## Early Childhood Education Council

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SENATE BILL NO. 2150  
(Senators Flakoll, Holmberg, O'Connell)  
(Representatives R. Kelsch, Hawken, Delmore)

**SECTION 32. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 1 of section 15.1-37-02 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

1. The North Dakota early childhood education council consists of:
  - a. A chairman appointed by the governor;
  - b. The superintendent of public instruction, or the superintendent's designee;
  - c. The state health officer, or the officer's designee;
  - d. The director of the department of human services, or the director's designee;
  - e. The North Dakota head start - state collaboration administrator, or the administrator's designee;
  - f. The commissioner of higher education, or the commissioner's designee;
  - g. The commissioner of commerce, or the commissioner's designee;
  - h. The chairman of the Senate education committee, or the chairman's designee;
  - i. The chairman of the House of Representatives education committee, or the chairman's designee; and
  - j. The following gubernatorial appointees:
    - (1) The superintendent of a school district having at least one thousand students in average daily membership;
    - (2) The superintendent of a school district having fewer than one thousand students in average daily membership;
    - (3) The superintendent of a school district headquartered on a reservation or including reservation land within its boundaries;
    - (4) The principal of a school district;
    - (5) An individual employed as an elementary school teacher;
    - (6) An individual representing a non-religious-based provider of pre-school early childhood education;
    - (7) An individual representing a religious-based provider of pre-school early childhood education;
    - (8) An individual representing a center-based licensed child care provider;
    - (9) An individual representing a home-based licensed child care provider;
    - (10) An individual representing a reservation-based head start program;
    - (11) An elected member of a school board;
    - (12) The parent of a child not yet enrolled in elementary school; and
    - (13) The parent of a child with special needs disabilities not yet enrolled in elementary school.; and
    - (14) An individual representing children with disabilities.

**SECTION 33. AMENDMENT.** Section 15.1-37-03 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

**15.1-37-03. Council - Duties.**

The council shall:

1. Review the delivery availability and provision of early childhood education, care, and services in this state;
2. Conduct a needs assessment;
3. Review early childhood education standards and propose revisions to the standards as needed;
4. Review and identify opportunities for public and private sector collaboration in the delivery provision of early childhood education, care, and services in this state;
5. Develop a comprehensive plan governing the delivery of early childhood education in this state;
6. Identify ways to assist with the recruitment and retention of individuals interested in working as providers of early childhood education, care, and services, including training and continuing education or professional development opportunities;
7. Seek the advice and guidance of individuals who are uniquely familiar with the nature, scope, and associated challenges of providing early childhood education, care, and services in geographically and socioeconomically diverse settings, and develop recommendations pertaining to the short-term and longer-term improvement and expansion of early childhood education, care, and services in this state; and
8. Provide a biennial report regarding its activities findings and recommendations to the governor and the legislative council assembly.