

## ASSEMBLY THIRD READING

AB 1001 (Ting)

As Amended May 16, 2019

Majority vote

**SUMMARY:**

Revises the mandated composition of, and requirements for, local child care and development planning councils.

**Major Provisions**

- 1) Deletes language requiring a local planning council to have consumers, child care providers, public agency representatives, community representatives, and agency appointees each represent 20% of membership, as specified, and instead, changes the name of local child care and development planning councils to "strategic local child care and development councils" ("strategic planning councils"), and requires them to include a wide breadth of members that serve 3-year terms, including, as specified: one representative from a resource and referral agency in the county; one representative from an alternative payment provider in the county; one representative from the local First 5 county commission; one representative from the county office of education; one representative from the county human services department; and, a number of others.
- 2) Permits the county board of supervisors and the county superintendent of schools to mutually agree to merge the strategic planning council and the Quality Rating and Improvement System local consortia and, further, permits county boards of supervisors and county superintendents of schools in two or more contiguous counties to merge their strategic planning councils, as specified.
- 3) Revises current requirements placed on planning councils related to their identification of local priorities and assessment of child care needs by, among other things, requiring the California Department of Education to increase standardization of the quinquennial needs assessment through prescription of required elements and development, by 2021, of a needs assessment template, as specified.
- 4) Requires, subject to an appropriation in the annual Budget Act, a strategic planning council, by March 30, 2021, and every three years thereafter, to develop and submit to the county board of supervisors and the county board of education a strategic plan and investment priorities, and establishes requirements and processes related to the development and submission of the plan and priorities, as specified.

**COMMENTS:**

*Local planning councils:* Each county in California has a local child care and development planning council. These local planning councils, per Legislative intent, are designed to provide a forum for the identification of local priorities for child care, and the development of policies to meet the needs identified within those priorities. State law (Education Code Section 8499.3) requires the county board of supervisors and county superintendent of schools to select the members of the local planning council and to establish the term of appointments for those members, and requires the local planning council to have consumers, child care providers, public agency representatives, community representatives, and agency appointees each represent 20%

of the local planning council's membership. Local planning councils are charged with a number of responsibilities, including, among others: conducting an assessment of child care needs at least once every five years, preparing local comprehensive countywide child care plans that are designed to mobilize public and private resources to address identified needs, and encouraging local input into development of community-level priorities. Local planning councils were first established in California in the early 1990s, with the adoption of AB 2141 (Speier), Chapter 1187, Statutes of 1991, which created local planning processes in response to the federal adoption, in 1991, of the Child Care and Development Block Grant (CCDBG) program. AB 2141, with its creation of local planning councils, sought to ensure the inclusion of local voices when determining priorities for allocation of CCDBG dollars.

*Need for this bill:* This bill seeks to update the composition and responsibilities of local child care and development planning councils in order to better identify and address the needs of the state's evolving early care and education programs.

**According to the Author:**

"The Speaker's Blue Ribbon Commission of Early Care and Education has identified improving local planning, data collection, and coordination is a critical step for the expansion of Early Childhood Education programs in California. [This bill] refreshes the existing Local Planning Councils to make their membership reflect the broader world of ECE stakeholders and provides these entities with more direction and data to allow the State expansions to these programs to be better informed by local child care needs assessments."

**Arguments in Support:**

Writing in support, First 5 San Bernardino states that, "[This bill] would ensure that all agencies who receive significant funding to operate or support ECE [early care and education] programs are included in local decision-making, align the local planning body with the newly created Quality Counts California structure, institutionalize a relationship between ECE providers, K12 providers, and higher education, give counties the flexibility to merge and align quality investments and planning efforts, and task local planning bodies with addressing barriers to ECE expansion."

**Arguments in Opposition:**

None on file

**FISCAL COMMENTS:**

According to the Assembly Appropriations Committee, this bill may result in estimated one-time costs, likely in the low millions of dollars (General Fund) statewide, for 58 planning councils to carry out the new duties in the bill. This bill states these duties are contingent upon an appropriation in the annual budget act. If the Commission on State Mandates determines the bill's requirements to be a reimbursable state mandate, the state would need to reimburse these costs to counties or provide funding to local education agencies through the K-12 Mandate Block Grant.

**VOTES:**

**ASM HUMAN SERVICES: 8-0-0**

**YES:** Reyes, Mathis, Berman, Choi, Friedman, Gipson, Maienschein, Mark Stone

**ASM EDUCATION: 7-0-0**

**YES:** O'Donnell, Kiley, Kalra, McCarty, Smith, Voepel, Weber

**ASM APPROPRIATIONS: 13-0-5**

**YES:** Gonzalez, Bloom, Bonta, Calderon, Carrillo, Chau, Eggman, Gabriel, Eduardo Garcia, Maienschein, Petrie-Norris, Quirk, Robert Rivas

**ABS, ABST OR NV:** Bigelow, Brough, Diep, Fong, Obernolte

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