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In Senate, February 23, 1999

**An Act to Create the Business Advisory Commission on Quality Child
Care Financing.**

(EMERGENCY)

Reference to the Committee on Business and Economic Development suggested and
ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator LONGLEY of Waldo.
Cosponsored by Speaker ROWE of Portland and
Senators: AMERO of Cumberland, BENNETT of Oxford, KONTOS of Cumberland,
MacKINNON of York, Representatives: BOWLES of Sanford, POWERS of Rockport.

2 2. Members. The commission consists of 11 members appointed
3 as follows:

4 A. Two members of the Senate appointed by the President of
5 the Senate, at least one of whom is a member of the minority
6 party:

8 B. Two members of the House of Representatives appointed by
9 the Speaker of the House, at least one of whom is a member
10 of the minority party:

12 C. The commissioner, or the commissioner's designee;

14 D. The State Tax Assessor, or the State Tax Assessor's
15 designee; and

16 E. Five members of the public, representing business,
17 education and child care interests appointed as follows: 2
18 members by the President of the Senate; 2 members by the
19 Speaker of the House; and one member by the Governor.

22 3. Appointments; first meeting. Appointments of the first
23 members of the commission must be made no later than 30 days
24 after the effective date of this section. The commissioner or
25 the commissioner's designee shall convene the first meeting of
26 the commission no later than 60 days after the effective date of
27 this section.

28 4. Terms; vacancies. Terms of the 5 public members are for
29 3 years. A vacancy must be filled for the remainder of the term
30 in the same manner as the original appointment is made.
31 Nonpublic members serve at the pleasure of the appointing
32 authority or until their term of office or employment that
33 qualified them for appointment ends. A quorum of the commission
34 is 6 members, and the affirmative vote of at least 6 members of
35 the commission is necessary to conduct business. Each year the
36 members shall select a chair from among the members.

38 5. Duties. The commission has the following duties:

40 A. Gathering information pertaining to quality child care
41 and early education, the financing of quality child care and
42 early education and economic development incentives
43 available to encourage the development of quality child care
44 and early education facilities and services;

46 B. Analyzing the effectiveness of economic development
47 incentives available to encourage the development of quality
48 child care and early education facilities and services in
49 this State and in other states and countries; and
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