



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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State Advisory Council on Early Learning and Care
c/o California Department of Education
1430 N Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

To the Members of the State Advisory Council on Early Learning and Care:

I am designating Mark Friedman as Chair of the Council for the next year.

In addition to the responsibilities of the Council enumerated in the federal Improving Head Start for School Readiness Act of 2007, I am further requesting that the Council undertake the following activities:

- 1. Review the Child Care Development Fund state plan, pursuant to the veto message of SB 548 of 2015.***

California will need to comply with an abundance of new requirements pursuant to the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 2014. The Department of Education is currently working with stakeholders to update our state's plan, to be submitted by March 1, 2016, after further federal guidance is issued. As part of that effort, the Council should work with the department and review how the state can best position itself to meet those requirements efficiently and effectively, including the delivery of training.

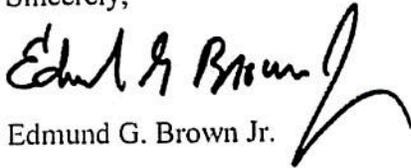
- 2. Review the recommendations of stakeholder groups, pursuant to AB 104, Chapter 13, Statutes of 2015.***

Assembly Bill 104, the 2015-16 budget trailer bill for education, requires the development of two stakeholder groups – one focused on voucher-funded programs, and the other on the Department of Education's contracted programs. Both groups are charged with developing recommendations to streamline data and other reporting requirements. The Council, pursuant to state law, should review and comment on these recommendations by the required deadlines.

3. Review local collaboration and coordination, and federal, state and local funding streams.

Each county in California has several local components dedicated to child care and early education planning and delivery. These may include local child care resource and referral programs, alternative payment programs, local planning councils, First 5 Commissions and county offices of education. The Council should highlight the best models for local collaboration and coordination, as well as evaluate how California's system can make the best use of federal, state and local funding sources.

Sincerely,



Edmund G. Brown Jr.