

BY AUTHORITY

ORDINANCE NO. _____
SERIES OF 2011

COUNCIL BILL NO. _____
COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE:
Health, Safety, Education & Services

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WHEREAS, since 1996, the City and County of Denver has administered a comprehensive program of federally funded Head Start services that delivers high quality early childhood education, nutrition, health and social development services for low income children and families in certain areas of the City and County of Denver; and

WHEREAS, the City’s Head Start program enables all children, including those of all races and ethnicities with limited English proficiency or special needs, to enter Kindergarten with skills, competencies, and self-esteem to be able to succeed; and

WHEREAS, earlier this year, the Denver Head Start Office conducted a competitive selection process to select contractors as Head Start delegate agencies to provide services and programs for the 2011-2012 Head Start program year; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the competitive selection process, the Head Start Office has added an additional contractor to provide services under Denver’s Head Start program; and

WHEREAS, there have also been changes to the federal Head Start Act that, under the Improving Head Start for School Readiness Act of 2007, 42 U.S.C. § 9831, which reauthorized the Head Start program and revised portions of the previous Head Start Act, now require that all members of a Head Start policy council be elected by parents; and

WHEREAS, in order to comply with the Improving Head Start for School Readiness Act of 2007, and to complete program changes resulting from the addition of a new service provider, Section 2-143 of the D.R.M.C. must be modified to increase the total number of members to the Denver Head Start Policy Council and to include an election procedure for parents to confirm appointments made by the Mayor and the City Council;

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER:

SECTION 1. That subsection 2-143.D.4, D.R.M.C. will be amended by deleting the language stricken and adding the language underlined to read as follows:

Sec. 2-143. - Governance of the mayor's office for education and children and program components.

1 D. *Head start.* An agency currently known as and to be known as the Denver head
2 start office is hereby created as an agency under the mayor's office for education
3 and children.
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5 4. *The policy council.* The city head start policy council shall be structured as
6 follows:

7 a. *Membership.* The membership of the Denver head start policy council
8 shall consist of at least ~~nineteen (19)~~ twenty-one (21) members. The
9 members of the Denver head start policy council shall consist of the
10 following two types of representatives: parents of children currently
11 enrolled in Denver head start programs and community
12 representatives.

13 b. *Parents.* At least ~~ten (10)~~ twelve (12) members of the Denver head
14 start policy council shall be parents of currently enrolled children.
15 Parents of currently enrolled children shall elect all parent members
16 of the Denver head start policy council.

17 c. *Community representatives.* Nine (9) members of the Denver head
18 start policy council shall be community representatives and shall be
19 selected from the following categories:

- 20 1. A person who shall be an experienced licensed pediatrician or
21 a person who shall have experience as a professional health
22 care provider;
- 23 2. A certified public accountant;
- 24 3. An attorney;
- 25 4. An individual who shall be experienced in early childhood
26 education;
- 27 5. An individual who shall be experienced in foundations or other
28 charitable award organizations;
- 29 6. An individual who shall be experienced with the operation of
30 nonprofit organizations;
- 31 7. A person who shall be experienced in business;
- 32 8. A parent of a child formerly enrolled in Denver's head start
33 programs;
- 34 9. A person who shall be experienced in finance and/or the
35 management of money; and
- 36 10. A person who shall be experienced in conducting fundraising
37 for nonprofit purposes.

38 d. *Appointment and election of community representatives.* The
39 community representative members of the Denver head start policy
40 council shall be selected as follows:

- 41 1. Five (5) community representatives of the Denver head start
42 policy council shall be ~~appointed~~ nominated by the mayor and
43 referred to the Denver head start policy council for election;
44 and
- 45 2. Four (4) community representatives of the Denver head start
46 policy council shall be ~~appointed~~ nominated by the city council
47 by ordinance and referred to the Denver head start policy
48 council for election.

1 COMMITTEE APPROVAL DATE: _____ 2011.
2 MAYOR-COUNCIL DATE:
3 PASSED BY THE COUNCIL _____ 2011
4 _____ - PRESIDENT
5 APPROVED: _____ - MAYOR _____ 2011
6 ATTEST: _____ - CLERK AND RECORDER,
7 EX-OFFICIO CLERK OF THE
8 CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER
9 NOTICE PUBLISHED IN THE DAILY JOURNAL _____ 2011; _____
10 2011
11 PREPARED BY: Victoria Ortega - ASSISTANT CITY ATTORNEY - _____
12 Pursuant to section 13-12, D.R.M.C., this proposed ordinance has been reviewed by the office of
13 the City Attorney. We find no irregularity as to form, and have no legal objection to the proposed
14 ordinance. The proposed ordinance is not submitted to the City Council for approval pursuant to
15 §3.2.6 of the Charter.
16 Douglas J. Friednash, City Attorney for the City and County of Denver
17 BY: _____, _____ City Attorney - _____ 2011