

**BY AUTHORITY**

ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_  
SERIES OF 2011

COUNCIL BILL NO. CB11-0815  
COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE:  
Health, Safety, Education & Services

**A B I L L**

**for an ordinance amending Section 2-143.D.4 of the Revised Municipal Code concerning an increase in the number of parent members of the Denver Head Start Policy Council and the inclusion of an election procedure for parents to confirm nominations of community members made by the Mayor and the City Council.**

**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 to low income children and families in certain areas of the City and County of Denver; and

**WHEREAS**, the City's Head Start program enables children of all races and ethnicities, including those with limited English proficiency or special needs, to enter Kindergarten with the skills, competencies, and self-esteem they need 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**, 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 requires 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 nominations 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:

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

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

- 9           **a.**     *Membership.* The membership of the Denver head start policy council  
10           shall consist of at least ~~nineteen (19)~~ twenty-one (21) members. The  
11           members of the Denver head start policy council shall consist of the  
12           following two types of representatives: parents of children currently  
13           enrolled in Denver head start programs and community  
14           representatives.
- 15           **b.**     *Parents.* At least ~~ten (10)~~ twelve (12) members of the Denver head  
16           start policy council shall be parents of currently enrolled children.  
17           Parents of currently enrolled children shall elect all parent members of  
18           the Denver head start policy council.
- 19           **c.**     *Community representatives.* Nine (9) members of the Denver head  
20           start policy council shall be community representatives and shall be  
21           selected from the following categories:
- 22           1.     A person who shall be an experienced licensed pediatrician or a  
23           person who shall have experience as a professional health care  
24           provider;
  - 25           2.     A certified public accountant;
  - 26           3.     An attorney;
  - 27           4.     An individual who shall be experienced in early childhood  
28           education;
  - 29           5.     An individual who shall be experienced in foundations or other  
30           charitable award organizations;
  - 31           6.     An individual who shall be experienced with the operation of  
32           nonprofit organizations;
  - 33           7.     A person who shall be experienced in business;
  - 34           8.     A parent of a child formerly enrolled in Denver's head start  
35           programs;
  - 36           9.     A person who shall be experienced in finance and/or the  
37           management of money; and
  - 38           10.    A person who shall be experienced in conducting fundraising for  
39           nonprofit purposes.
- 40           **d.**     ~~Appointment~~ Nomination and election of community representatives.  
41           The community representative members of the Denver head start  
42           policy council shall be seated ~~selected~~ as follows:
- 43           1.     Five (5) community representatives of the Denver head start  
44           policy council shall be ~~appointed~~ nominated by the mayor and  
45           referred to the Denver head start policy council for election; and
  - 46           2.     Four (4) community representatives of the Denver head start

1 policy council shall be ~~appointed~~ nominated by the city council  
2 by ~~ordinance~~ resolution and referred to the Denver head start  
3 policy council for election.

4 COMMITTEE APPROVAL DATE: November 15, 2011.

5 MAYOR-COUNCIL DATE: November 22, 2011.

6 PASSED BY THE COUNCIL \_\_\_\_\_ 2011

7 \_\_\_\_\_ - PRESIDENT

8 APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_ - MAYOR \_\_\_\_\_ 2011

9 ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_ - CLERK AND RECORDER,  
10 EX-OFFICIO CLERK OF THE  
11 CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER

12 NOTICE PUBLISHED IN THE DAILY JOURNAL \_\_\_\_\_ 2011; \_\_\_\_\_ 2011

13 PREPARED BY: Victoria Ortega - ASSISTANT CITY ATTORNEY - December 1, 2011

14 Pursuant to section 13-12, D.R.M.C., this proposed ordinance has been reviewed by the office of  
15 the City Attorney. We find no irregularity as to form, and have no legal objection to the proposed  
16 ordinance. The proposed ordinance is not submitted to the City Council for approval pursuant to  
17 §3.2.6 of the Charter.

18 Douglas J. Friednash, City Attorney for the City and County of Denver

19 BY: \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ City Attorney - \_\_\_\_\_ 2011