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## 1002.77 Florida Early Learning Advisory Council.—

(1) There is created the Florida Early Learning Advisory Council within the Office of Early Learning. The purpose of the advisory council is to submit recommendations to the office on early learning best practices, including recommendations relating to the most effective administration of the Voluntary Prekindergarten Education Program under this part and the school readiness program under part VI of this chapter. The advisory council shall periodically analyze and provide recommendations to the office on the effective and efficient use of local, state, and federal funds; the content of professional development training programs; and best practices for the development and implementation of coalition plans pursuant to s. [1002.85](#).

(2) The advisory council shall be composed of the following members:

(a) The chair of the advisory council who shall be appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the Governor.

(b) The chair of each early learning coalition.

(c) One member who shall be appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the President of the Senate.

(d) One member who shall be appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

The chair of the advisory council appointed by the Governor and the members appointed by the presiding officers of the Legislature must be from the business community and be in compliance with s. [1002.83\(5\)](#).

(3) The advisory council shall meet at least quarterly but may meet as often as necessary to carry out its duties and responsibilities. The advisory council may use any method of telecommunications to conduct meetings, including establishing a quorum through telecommunications, only if the public is given proper notice of a telecommunications meeting and reasonable access to observe and, when appropriate, participate.

(4)(a) Each member of the advisory council shall serve without compensation but is entitled to receive reimbursement for per diem and travel expenses for attendance at council meetings as provided in s. [112.061](#).

(b) Each member of the advisory council is subject to the ethics provisions in part III of chapter 112.

(c) For purposes of tort liability, each member of the advisory council shall be governed by s. [768.28](#).

(5) The Office of Early Learning shall provide staff and administrative support for the advisory council.

**History.**—s. 1, ch. 2004-484; s. 457, ch. 2011-142; s. 15, ch. 2013-252.