

New York State Child Care Availability Taskforce

NEW YORK STATE SOCIAL SERVICES LAW (as amended by Chapter 133 of the Laws of New York, 2022)

SSL * § 390-k. Child care availability taskforce.

1. There shall be established within the office of children and family services a child care taskforce for the purpose of evaluating the need for and availability of child care throughout the state.

2. The taskforce shall be chaired by a representative of the executive chamber and the commissioners of the office of children and family services and the department of labor, or their designees. Members of the taskforce shall serve without compensation for three year terms, but may be reimbursed for actual costs incurred for participation on such taskforce. Ensuring adequate geographic, racial and ethnic representation, members of the taskforce shall be appointed by the governor and comprised as follows:

(a) four individuals shall be appointed upon the recommendation of the speaker of the assembly, at least one of whom shall be a parent who has utilized subsidized child care and at least one of whom shall be a parent who has utilized unsubsidized child care, from different regions of the state;

(b) four individuals shall be appointed upon the recommendation of the temporary president of the senate, at least one of whom shall be a **parent who has utilized subsidized child care and at least one of whom shall be a parent who has utilized unsubsidized child care**, from different regions of the state;

(c) one individual shall be appointed upon the recommendation of the minority leader of the assembly;

(d) one individual shall be appointed upon the recommendation of the minority leader of the senate;

(e) two representatives of a child care resource and referral agency;

(f) a minimum of three and a maximum of four representatives of home-based child care providers;

(g) a minimum of three and a maximum of four representatives of center-based child care providers;

(h) two representatives from the business community;

(i) two representatives from unions that represent child care providers; and

(j) at least one representative from each of the following entities:

(i) the office of temporary and disability assistance;

(ii) the council on children and families;

(iii) the department of taxation and finance;

(iv) a regional economic development council;

- (v) the state university of New York or the city university of New York;
- (vi) the state education department;
- (vii) the early childhood advisory council;
- (viii) a social service district or county government or an entity that advocates on behalf of social services or county governments; and (ix) a non-profit child care advocacy organization.

3. The taskforce shall:

- (a) examine the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on child care in New York state;
- (b) advise the state in developing an implementation framework leading to a phased-in rollout of universal child care using existing state and federal resources;
- (c) recommend potential solutions, partnerships, or other ways to address chronic child care workforce issues and other concerns identified in the course of the examination required by this subdivision;
- (d) assess the implementation of policies supported by federally funded programs through various stimulus packages; and
- (e) anything else the taskforce deems necessary.

4. (a) The taskforce shall report its interim findings and recommendations in accordance with subdivision three of this section to the governor, the speaker of the assembly and the temporary president of the senate no later than November first, two thousand twenty-two and its final findings and recommendations no later than December thirty-first, two thousand twenty-three.

(b) The taskforce shall also report on the implementation of any recommendations that resulted from the initial report required to be produced by the task force pursuant to subdivision four of chapter four hundred ninety-three of the laws of two thousand seventeen. Such additional report shall be provided annually, beginning July first two thousand twenty-two.

* NB Repealed December 31, 2024