

Executive Committee Meeting
August 9, 2023 8:30 am by Zoom

AGENDA

Members: David Morley, Dr. Shelley Canright, Jesica Mackey, Sen. Gerald Malloy, Dr. Amy Williams
Staff Liaison: Georgia Mjartan

I. Act 81

- Provisions that took effect upon signing of the Bill:
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 - o A process for local partnerships to establish a multicounty partnership.
 - o The Office of First Steps, in consultation with State Procurement, must develop procurement policies and procedures for local partnerships to adopt.
 - o All publicly funded early childhood-serving agencies and entities shall participate in data-sharing initiatives supported by the ECAC.
 - o Board of Trustees / ECAC Membership:
 - The Department of Mental Health shall serve as a member of both the Board and the ECAC.
 - Two local partnership executive directors shall be appointed to serve on the ECAC.
 - o New and/or Updated ECAC Duties:
 - Develop, maintain, and serve as the governing body for a unified and integrated data collection system;
 - Develop and maintain parent knowledge-building activities including, but not limited to, web-based portals with an eligibility screener and common application;
 - Prepare an overall strategic plan at least once every five years that establishes goals, objectives, strategies, and measures of progress to optimizing the state's early childhood system.
- Provisions that took effect July 1, 2023:
 - o The terms of local partnership board members representing DSS, DHEC, and Head Start were terminated.
- Provisions that must be in effect July 1, 2024:
 - o The transition plan for all other local partnership board changes must be fully implemented.
 - o A process must be developed for reviewing all submissions related to local partnership executive director hires, salaries, and annual performance evaluations.

Proposed Implementation Plan

- When the law specifies that the State Board will take action, the Board will vote to adopt policies, establish processes, or make revisions as required by Act 81.
- When relevant, input and feedback from local partnerships will be solicited
- Staff will develop draft policies, procedures, processes, and documents with support from attorneys and consultants as needed
- Board committees will consider and vote, when appropriate on:
 - o Local Partnership Executive Director Hiring, Salary and Annual Evaluation Process (Executive)
 - o Local Partnership Board Transition Plan (Executive)
 - o Local Partnership and State Board Bylaws Revisions (Executive)
 - o Local Partnership Core Personnel Policies (Finance and Administration)
 - o Program and Operational Guidelines Revisions (LP Programs and Grants)
- In some cases, an interim policy will be developed (i.e. Interim Process for Local Partnership Executive Director Hiring, Salary, and Annual Evaluation) or po

