**Early Education and Data Advisory Commission**

**SECTION 12B of Mass General Laws:**

Said chapter 15D is hereby further amended by inserting after section 12A the following section:-

Section 12B. (a)(1) There shall be a data advisory commission to make recommendations to improve

the use of state, provider and program-level data related to the cost, quality and utilization of early

education and care services.

(2) The data advisory commission shall utilize data received by the department, including, but

not limited to, data collected pursuant to clause (v) of the second paragraph of section 2, to identify,

analyze and make recommendations on high-impact, cost-effective data strategies for assessing the

needs of families and children, including, but not limited to: (i) establishing a uniform data collection

and reporting system to track the data that the department is required to collect pursuant to clause

(v); (ii) strengthening the department’s capacity to analyze and report on staffing, scheduling and

financial data to support strategic resource allocation decisions; (iii) strengthening the department’s

capacity to use data to inform strategic resource allocation and implementation decisions; and (iv)

streamlining data reporting, including, but not limited to, eliminating duplicative reporting

requirements. In making its recommendations, the commission shall consider the needs and

capabilities of early education and care providers located in rural areas.

(b) The data advisory commission shall consist of: the commissioner of early education and care

or a designee, who shall serve as chair; the secretary of education or a designee; 12 members who

shall have demonstrated knowledge and experience in data collection and analysis for the purpose of

improving access to high-quality and affordable early education and care services, 1 of whom shall be

appointed by the Massachusetts Association for Early Education & Care, Inc., 1 of whom shall be

appointed by Neighborhood Villages Inc., 1 of whom shall be appointed by the Massachusetts Head

Start Association, Inc., 1 of whom shall be appointed by the Massachusetts Afterschool Partnership,

Inc., 1 of whom shall be appointed by the Common Start Coalition, 1 of whom shall be appointed by the

Massachusetts Early Childhood Funder Collaborative, 1 of whom shall be appointed by The

Massachusetts Business Roundtable, Inc., 1 of whom shall be appointed by the Massachusetts Business

Coalition for Early Childhood Education, 1 of whom shall be appointed by Jumpstart for Young

Children, Inc., 1 of whom shall be appointed by the Alliance of Massachusetts YMCAS, Inc., 1 of whom

shall be appointed by the Massachusetts Alliance of Boys & Girls Clubs, Inc. and 1 of whom shall be

appointed by Massachusetts Taxpayers Foundation, Inc.; and 5 members who shall be appointed by

the commissioner, 1 of whom shall be a family-based early education and care provider, 1 of whom

shall be a center-based early education and care provider, 1 of whom shall be a parent of a child

currently enrolled in an early education and care program, 1 of whom shall have professional

experience and knowledge in the area of data collection, quality and usage in establishing education

policy and improving child and family outcomes and 1 of whom shall be a prospective early education

and care educator enrolled in a training or degree program. Appointees on the advisory commission

shall reflect geographically diverse regions of the commonwealth to ensure regional equity within the

commission.

(c) Annually, not later than December 1, the data advisory commission shall submit a report with

recommendations and findings to the clerks of the house of representatives and the senate, the house

and senate committees on ways and means and the joint committee on education. The report shall be

made publicly available on the department’s website

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| Membership | Organization | Member |
| Department of Early Education and Care | Department of Early Education and Care | Amy Kershaw, Commissioner (Chair) |
| Executive Office of Education | Executive Office of Education | Dr. Patrick Tutwiler, Secretary of EducationDesignee: Mark Reilly, Undersecretary & Chief Operating Officer |
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| Neighborhood Villages | Neighborhood Villages | Lauren Kennedy, Co-PresidentDesignee: Elizabeth Leiwant, Chief of Policy |
| Massachusetts Head Start Association | Head Start & Early Learning Programs Community Action Pioneer Valley | Emmalie Dropkin, Director of Data, Planning, and Evaluation |
| Massachusetts Afterschool Partnership | Massachusetts Afterschool Partnership | Patrick Stanton, Executive Director |
| Common Start Coalition | MassBudget | Adam Jones, Senior Policy Analyst |
| Massachusetts Early Childhood Funder Collaborative | United Way of Massachusetts Bay and Merrimack Valley | Ellen Dickenson, Senior Vice President for Research, Analytics and Planning |
| Massachusetts Business Roundtable | Massachusetts Business Roundtable | JD Chesloff, President and CEO |
| Massachusetts Business Coalition for Early Childhood Education | Massachusetts Business Coalition for Early Childhood Education | Tom Weber, Executive Director |
| Jumpstart for Young Children | Jumpstart for Young Children | Kate Warren Barns, Head of MA Strategy & Partnerships |
| Alliance of Massachusetts YMCAs | Alliance of Massachusetts YMCAs | Kate Marie Roycroft, CEO |
| Massachusetts Alliance of Boys & Girls Clubs | Massachusetts Alliance of Boys & Girls Clubs | Jennifer Aldworth, Executive DirectorDesignee: Andrea Howard, Vice Chair, Board of Directors |
| Massachusetts Taxpayers Foundation | Massachusetts Taxpayers Foundation | Victoria Bergeron, Policy Researcher |
| Family-based early education and care provider | TBD | TBD |
| Center-based early education and care provider | TBD | TBD |
| Parent of a child currently enrolled in an early education and care program | TBD | TBD |
| Professional experience and knowledge in the area of data collection, quality and usage in establishing education policy and improving child and family outcomes | TBD | TBD |
| Prospective early education and care educator enrolled in a training or degree program | TBD | TBD |