

CHAPTER 11  
Children's Services Agencies

ARTICLE 17  
First Steps to School Readiness Board of Trustees

"SECTION 8. Section 20B. of Act 287 of 2014 [reauthorizing the South Carolina First Steps to School Readiness Act until July 1, 2016] is repealed. Act 99 of 1999, South Carolina First Steps to School Readiness Act, as amended by this act, is reauthorized until June 30, 2025."

Effect of Amendment

2018 Act No. 152, Section 5, added (C) and made a nonsubstantive change.

**SECTION 63-11-1720.** Board of trustees; composition; oversight.

(A) There is created the South Carolina First Steps to School Readiness Board of Trustees which must be chaired by the Governor, or his designee, and must include the State Superintendent of Education, or his designee, who shall serve as ex officio voting members of the board.

(B) In making the appointments specified in subsection (C)(1), (2), and (3) of this section, the Governor, President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall seek to ensure diverse geographical representation on the board by appointing individuals from each congressional district as possible.

(C) The board shall include members appointed in the following manner:

(1) the Governor shall appoint one member from each of the following sectors:

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established by the board not to exceed standards provided by law for boards, committees, and commissions. A complete report of the activities of the First Steps to School Readiness Board of Trustees must be made annually to the General Assembly.

(F) In the event South Carolina First Steps to School Readiness is not reviewed by the House and Senate Legislative Oversight Committees within the period prescribed by Section 2-2-20, a joint House and Senate committee shall conduct a review. The joint committee shall consist of five members appointed by the Chairman of the House Education and Public Works Committee and five members appointed by the Chairman of the Senate Education Committee. The committee must be co-chaired by one member of the House and one member of the Senate. A report must be provided to the Speaker of the House and President Pro Tempore of the Senate within one hundred eighty days after the first meeting of the joint committee.

HISTORY: 2008 Act No. 361, Section 2; 2014 Act No. 287 (H.3428), Section 20.A, eff June 18, 2014; 2018 Act No. 152 (H.3591), Section 6, eff April 12, 2018; 2019 Act No. 1 (S.2), Section 77, eff January 31, 2019; 2023 Act No. 81 (H.4023), Section 5, eff June 19, 2023.

Editor's Note

2013 Act No. 101, Section 117.114, provides as follows:

"117.114. (GP: First Steps Reauthorization) Act 99 of 1999, the South Carolina First Steps to School Readiness Act, is reauthorized for the duration of Fiscal Year 2013-2014."

2014 Act No. 286, Section 117.108, provides as follows:

"117.108. (GP: First Steps Reauthorization) Act 99 of 1999, the South Carolina First Steps to School Readiness Act, is reauthorized for the duration of Fiscal Year 2014-2015."

2015 Act No. 130, (S.1) July 1, 2015, Section 1, provides as follows:

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- (13) establish core personnel policies and procedures for adoption by local First Steps Partnerships;
- (14) develop a standard process by July 1, 2024, for reviewing submissions made by local partnerships as it relates to the hiring, salaries, and annual performance evaluations of local partnership executive directors pursuant to Chapter 152, Title 59;
- (15) establish and promulgate internal evaluation policies and procedures for local partnerships for annual review pursuant to Chapter 152, Title 59; and
- (16) arrange for the conduction of an independent external program evaluation pursuant to Chapter 152, Title 59.

HISTORY: 2008 Act No. 361, Section 2; 2014 Act No. 287 (H.3428), Section 21, eff June 18, 2014; 2023 Act No. 81 (H.4023), Section 8, eff June 19, 2023.

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Effect of Amendment

2014 Act No. 287, Section 21, rewrote the section.

2023 Act No. 81, Section 8, inserted (13) and (14) and redesignated former (13) and (14) as (15) and (16).

**SECTION 63-11-1735.** Repealed.

HISTORY: Former Section, titled BabyNet; definitions; compliance with federal law, had the following history: 2014 Act No. 287 (H.3428), Section 5. Repealed by 2018 Act No. 152, Section 9, eff April 12, 2018.

**SECTION 63-11-1740.** Director and staff; salary duties.

The South Carolina First Steps to School Readiness Board of Trustees shall employ, by a majority vote, a director of the Office of South Carolina First Steps to School Readiness and other staff as necessary to carry out the South Carolina First Steps to School Readiness initiative, established in Title 59, Chapter 152, and other duties and responsibilities as assigned by the board. The director, with the approval of the board, shall hire such staff as is considered necessary to carry out the provisions of the initiative. The South Carolina First Steps to School Readiness Board of Trustees shall submit to the Agency Head Salary Commission, pursuant to Sections 8-11-160 and 8-11-165, justification of and recommendations for the salary and any salary increases for the Executive Director of the South Carolina Office of First Steps to School Readiness.

