



Ohio Sunset Review Committee

Testimony on behalf of the Ohio Child Care Advisory Council

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Good afternoon Chair Wilkin, Vice-Chair Hillyer, and members of the Committee. My name is Bryan Stout and I am with the Ohio Department of Children and Youth. The Ohio Department of Children and Youth will serve as the administrative agent for the Child Care Advisory Council beginning January 1, 2025 (R.C. 5104.50)

The Ohio Child Care Advisory Council has been tasked with advising and assisting the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services with the development of the child care program. An annual report is required on the availability, affordability, accessibility and quality of child care and recommendations that were generated by the council throughout the year.

The Child Care Advisory Council meets on a quarterly basis. Comprised of 22 voting members and seven state employees, who serve as non-voting members. The Council has a workload that requires approximately 32 hours a month for three state employees for the purposes of meeting planning and carrying out assigned tasks.

The team at the Department of Children and Youth has been reviewing all committees and their responsibilities and believes that the CCAC responsibilities can be streamlined into those of the Early Childhood Advisory Council. Additionally, the Department has found it challenging to find membership to fill the ORC-mandated positions on the Council and ensuring a robust stakeholder voice on child care policy and issues. We therefore recommend that the CCAC be discontinued.

Thank you, Chair. I am happy to answer any questions at this time.