

STATEWIDE LEGISLATIVE YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCILS

	Name/ Administrative Oversight	Funding/Expenses	Staff	Membership
Alabama 2008 SB 67, Act 2008-394	Legislative Youth Advisory Council/ The Legislative Youth Advisory Oversight Commission	Funded by grants, donations and funds from other sources, including the public and private sectors. Members shall serve without compensation.		No.: 16 Ages: 14-19 High School or home study program Other: (Advisory only) 1 member of the Senate, 1 member of the House of Representatives, the State Superintendent or his designee
Colorado 2008 HB 1157	Colorado Youth Advisory Council/ Legislature	\$8,472 appropriated to the Legislative Department for allocation to the council for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2008. Creates the Youth Advisory Council Cash Fund in the State Treasury to provide for the direct and indirect costs associated with the council. Members shall be compensated for attendance at meetings in same manner as legislative members attending meetings during the legislative session. All expenditures shall be approved by the chair of the council and paid for by vouchers and warrants drawn from appropriations made by the General Assembly or from the Youth Advisory Council Cash Fund.		No.: 44 Ages: 14-19 Junior, Middle or High School; home school; or GED program. Other: (Non-voting) 2 members of the House of Representatives, 2 members of the Senate
Indiana 2008 HB 1162, Public Law 69	Youth Advisory Council/ The State Superintendent of Public Instruction and the Department of Education	Expenses of the council to be paid from the budget of the Department of Education. Each member is entitled to the minimum salary per diem and reimbursement for travel expenses.	The Department of Education staffs the council. Presiding officer of the legislative body of a municipality may appoint an individual who is not more than 18 years of age to serve as an advisor to the legislative body.	No.: 22 Ages: 14-18 Other: (Advisory Only) Legislative Body Youth Advisor
Iowa 2009 HF 315	Iowa Youth Advisory Council/ The Department of Human Rights	Funding shall be administered by the Department of Human Rights.	The Department of Human Rights shall provide staff support for the council.	No.: 21 Ages: 14-21

<p>Louisiana 2007 SB46, Act 118</p>	<p>Legislative Youth Advisory Council/ Louisiana Commission on Civic Education</p>	<p>Legislature does not appropriate funds. Will look to legislature for possible funding in the future and will look for potential grants. Legislators receive a per diem and are reimbursed for mileage</p>	<p>Commission on Civic Education legislative staff Volunteered Staff time.</p>	<p>No.: Up to 25 Members Age: Up to 21 youth 14-19 High school, home school or GED program Legislative: (Advisory Only) 1 Senator, 1 State Representative Chairman of the Commission on Civic Education Other: (Advisory Only) State Superintendent of Education</p>
<p>Maine 2002 LD1779</p>	<p>Legislative Youth Advisory Council/ Office of Policy and Legislative Analysis</p>	<p>Funding is based on the cost of operations, approximately \$30,000. Members receive a per diem and are reimbursed for travel expenses. Cost of printing annual report. Funding comes from the Legislature's budget.</p>	<p>Office of Policy and Legislative Analysis staff Two part-time staffers.</p>	<p>No.: 26 Members Ages: 18 youth secondary and post secondary Legislative: 2 Senators, 2 State Representatives Other: (Non-voting) Members of the Children's Cabinet</p>
<p>Maryland 2008 SB 1, Chapter 559</p>	<p>Maryland Youth Advisory Council/ Legislature</p>	<p>Legislature does not appropriate funds. Each member is entitled to reimbursement for expenses under standard state travel regulations.</p>	<p>The Governor's Office for Children, in addition to one member from the Senate, or one member from the House, or both, provides support staff for the council.</p>	<p>No.: 69 Ages: 14-22 High school, home school, GED program or institutions of postsecondary education Legislative: 1 Senator, 1 member of the House of Delegates Note: Council includes an Executive Board that consists of 12 youth members.</p>
<p>Nevada 2007 SB247, Chap. 245</p>	<p>Nevada Youth Legislative Issues Forum/ Senate</p>	<p>Received one time funding at the end of the legislative session for special projects, approximately \$30,000. Receiving grant money from the Civic Mission of Schools. Will receive in-kind contributions from a variety of organizations: Nevada League of Cities, League of Women Voter's, women's lobbying group, etc. Partnering with the State Department of Education to connect to social studies teachers.</p>	<p>Legislative staff attorney is going to add staffing the youth forum to her duties.</p>	<p>No.: 21 Members Age: 9-12 grade Public, private, home school</p>

New Hampshire 2006 SB323, Chap. 270	Legislative Youth Advisory Council/ Legislature	Legislative members shall be reimbursed for mileage.		No. : 21 Members Ages: 15-22 Secondary and post-secondary, home school and GED programs. Legislative: 1 Senator, 1 State Representative
New Mexico 2003-Youth Council Act 2005 SB617	Youth Alliance/ The New Mexico Forum for Youth in Community (non-profit organization)	Approximately \$80,000. Majority of funding comes from the Children, Youth and Families and Health Department. Monies are a voluntarily contributed, there is an unwritten expectation. The New Mexico Community Foundation also donates to the council. Food and travel costs for statewide meetings are covered by the council.	Office of the Secretary of Children Youth and Families Full-time staff person funded.	No.: 112 Ages: 14-24
North Dakota 2009, HB 1463	North Dakota Youth Council/ Legislature	The council may accept gifts, grants, and donations of money, property, and services to carry out the purposes of the council.		No.: 16 Ages: 17-25
Washington 2005 SB5254 2007 HB1052	Legislative Youth Advisory Council/ The Office of the Lt. Governor and the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction.	Minimal funding from the Senate's legislative budget during the first two years. In 2007, received \$116,000 for two years. \$40,000 shall be used for travel grants.	Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction provides a half-time staff person. Legislature has an advisory role.	No.: 22 Ages: 14-18

* In the 2009 session, California (SB 516) and New Jersey (SB 1923) introduced legislation to create a Youth Legislature. Pennsylvania (HB 1456) introduced legislation to create the Pennsylvania Youth Commission.

	Purpose-Defined by legislation	Selection Process	Frequency of Meetings	Structure of Meeting
Alabama	Examine and facilitate communication between youth and the legislature regarding issues important to youth, including but not limited to, education, employment, strategies to increase youth participation in local and state government, safe environment for youth, substance abuse, underage drinking, emotional and physical health, poverty, litter and environmental control, drivers' licenses, and youth access to state and local services.	Appointed by the Legislative Youth Advisory Oversight Commission. Nonvoting members are appointed as follows: Senate member is appointed by the Lieutenant Governor; and the House of Representatives member is appointed by the Speaker.		Members shall elect at the first meeting of each calendar year a President who shall serve as chair.
Colorado	Examine, evaluate and discuss the issues, interests and needs affecting CO youth now and in the future. Formally advise and make recommendations to elected officials regarding issues including but not limited to education, employment and economic opportunity, access to state and local government services, the environment, behavioral and physical health, safe environments for youth, substance abuse, driver's license requirements, poverty, and increased youth participation in state and local government.	Application process to facilitate council appointments. Each Senator elected to represent a Senatorial district shall appoint one non-legislative council member from his district. The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint 5 at-large non-legislative members. Legislative members are appointed by the Speaker and Minority Leader of the House of Representatives and the President and Minority Leader of the Senate. Must reflect the racial, ethnic, geographic, socioeconomic, cultural, religious, physical and educational diversity of the state.	Required to meet at least four times a year, with two meetings occurring during the legislative session and two meetings occurring after the legislative session has concluded.	Members shall elect two co-chairs and two vice-chairs at its first meeting and annually thereafter. One of the co-chairs and one of the vice-chairs shall be legislative members.
Indiana	Provide the General Assembly information from young people concerning issues of importance to youth in Indiana including education, employment, strategies to increase youth involvement in state and local government, safe environments for youth, substance abuse, emotional and physical health, foster care, poverty, homelessness and youth access to state and local services.	Appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, the Minority Leader of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Minority Leader of the House of Representatives and the governor. Appointments must foster geographic diversity of the state.	Required to meet at least three times, and not more than six times, per year.	Members shall annually elect a chairperson.

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Iowa	Foster communication among a group of engaged youth and the governor, general assembly, and state and local policymakers regarding programs, policies, and practices affecting youth and families; and to advocate for youth on important issues affecting youth.	Application process. Members selected by the department director, or the director's designee. Membership must foster ethnic, geographic, demographic, socioeconomic, and gender diversity.	Required to meet at least quarterly.	The council shall determine it's own rules of procedure and operating policies, subject to approval by the department director.
Louisiana	Examine and facilitate communication between youth and the legislature regarding issues of importance to youth, including but not limited to education, employment, strategies to increase youth participation in local and state government, safe environments for youth, substance abuse, underage drinking, emotional and physical health, poverty, litter and environmental control, driver's licenses, and youth access to state and local services.	Appointed by the Commission on Civic Education. Requires two youth from each congressional district. Must reflect the diversity of the state to the greatest extent possible. The Commission is drafting an application form.	Not limited to a certain number.	
Maine	Examine issues of importance to youth, including, but not limited to, education, employment, strategies to increase youth participation in municipal government and State Government, safe environments for youth, substance abuse, emotional and physical health, foster care, poverty, homelessness and youth access to services on municipal and statewide bases.	At least one member for each of the 3 service regions of the Department of Human Services. 10 members are appointed by the President of the Senate. 11 members are appointed by the Speaker of the House.	Required to meet six times a year.	Legislative chair and youth chair conduct the meetings. Rules of procedure were developed by the council. Agenda is drafted by staff.
Maryland	Examine issues of importance to youth including education, a safe learning environment, employment opportunities, strategies to increase youth participation in local and state government, health care access and quality of care, substance abuse and underage drinking, emotional and physical well-being, the environment, poverty, homelessness, youth access to state and local services, suicide prevention, and education accessibility issues for students with disabilities.	Appointed by the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Delegates, and the governor. Appointments must foster geographic and demographic diversity, diversity in education, including nontraditional settings such as vocational and tech-oriented education, and youths with disabilities.	Required to meet at least four times a year.	
Nevada	Evaluate, review and comment upon issues of importance to youth including, without limitation: education; employment opportunities; participation of youth in state and local government; a safe learning environment; the prevention of substance abuse; emotional and physical well-being; foster care; and access to state and local services.	Application process. Each senator appoints one member.	During regular session, the council may meet as often as necessary.	An elected chair and vice-chair conduct the meetings. Required to develop procedures for meetings.
New Hampshire	Examine issues of importance to youth, such as education, employment, strategies to increase youth participation in local and state government, safe environments for youth, substance abuse, emotional and physical	Appointed by the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the governor and the Secretary of State.	Required to meet at least four times a	A State Representative and a youth serve as co-chairs.

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New Mexico	<p>health, foster care, poverty, homelessness, and youth access to state and local services.</p> <p>Encourage young people throughout New Mexico to consider and discuss the opportunities, issues and challenges they face and to identify community, family and collaborative assets as possible solutions.</p>	<p>There must be at least one member from each county. Appointments must foster geographic and socioeconomic diversity.</p> <p>Application process.</p> <p>One member from each legislative district.</p> <p>Recruited through an open process and selected by a panel of other youth alliance members, legislators, government officials and representative of community-based organizations.</p> <p>Required to ensure ethnic and economic diversity.</p>	year	
North Dakota	<p>Examine issues of importance to youth ages 25 and under, including but not limited to education, health care, employment opportunities, and quality of life issues such as recreation and entertainment.</p>	<p>Appointed by the governor.</p> <p>Appointments must foster socioeconomic, geographic and demographic diversity.</p>	Required to meet at least two times a year.	<p>Lt. Governor serves as the chairman.</p> <p>Meetings may be conducted using audioconferencing or videoconferencing facilities available in state agencies, institutions of higher education, school districts, or other political subdivisions.</p>
Washington	<p>Examine issues of importance to youth, including but not limited to education, employment, strategies to increase youth participation in state and municipal government, safe environments for youth, substance abuse, emotional and physical health, foster care, poverty, homelessness, and youth access to services on a statewide and municipal basis.</p>	<p>Application process.</p> <p>The council may develop selection criteria and an application review process. The council may recommend candidates.</p> <p>The Office of the Lt. Governor notifies final applicants.</p>		

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Alabama	<p>Must hold at least one public hearing a year for the purpose of receiving youth comment on issue of importance to youth.</p> <p>Must participate in an annual seminar prior to the school year for council members regarding leadership, government and the legislature. Meetings are open to the public.</p>		<p>Required to identify the needs and concerns of youth and advise and make recommendations to members of the legislature on proposed or pending legislation and on policy matters related to youth.</p> <p>Required to collect, analyze and provide information to the Senate and House and any legislative communities, committees and task forces on issues related to youth.</p> <p>Required to submit an annual report to the legislature and the commission concerning its activities and any recommendations for proposed legislation.</p>
Colorado	<p>May work with existing and appropriate local and state youth groups to identify issues and concerns of youth.</p> <p>May set priorities and establish any committees that may be necessary to achieve the goals of the council.</p> <p>Required to utilize news outlets and publications, public awareness campaigns and a website to develop and maintain communication concerning its activities.</p> <p>All meetings are open to the public.</p>		<p>Required to submit annual joint reports to the Legislative Committees of the Senate and House of Representatives as appropriate. Reports shall include recommendations and, beginning January 30, 2010, a summary of the council's work during the previous legislative session and interim.</p>
Indiana	<p>Must host not more than 2 public hearings per year concerning issues of importance to youth.</p> <p>Must conduct periodic seminars for members of the council concerning leadership, government and the General Assembly.</p>		<p>Required to submit an annual report to the Legislature concerning the council's activities, including any proposed legislation to implement recommendations of the council.</p> <p>Required to advise the General Assembly concerning proposed and pending legislation, including budget expenditures and policy matters related to youth.</p> <p>Required to advise the standing committees and study committees of the General Assembly.</p>

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Iowa	Not specified.	Not specified.	Required to provide input to the governor, General Assembly, and state and local policymakers on youth issues.
Louisiana	Must conduct at least one public hearing a year.		Required to advise and make recommendations to the legislature on proposed and pending legislation. Required to submit an annual report, including recommendations for proposed legislation, to the governor, the Senate and House committees on education and the Commission on Civic Education.
Maine	Must conduct two public hearings a year.	Council may submit legislation. Council may provide testimony. Committees have invited the council to testify.	Required to submit an annual report. Required to advise the Legislature, the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House, joint standing committees, study commissions, committees and task forces. Legislators must be invited to the annual seminar, for council members, on leadership, government and the Legislature. Legislative membership is their strongest connection.
Maryland	Must conduct one or two public hearings each year on issues of importance to youth. Must conduct one educational meeting concerning the legislative process, to which the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House, and the Executive Director of the Department of Legislative Services, or their designees, shall be invited to speak. Must conduct a public awareness campaign to raise awareness about the council among Maryland youth. All meetings are open to the public.		Required to recommend one legislative proposal each legislative session concerning an issue of importance to youth for possible introduction. Required to submit, on or before the last day of the youth members' terms, a report of the council's activities to the Governor and the General Assembly.

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Nevada	Must host two public hearings a year which must be video or teleconferenced to two or more prominent locations. Must conduct a public awareness campaign The council has a statewide media sponsor to deliver public service announcements. Requires a questionnaire for youth to be posted on the web.	Council may request drafting of one legislative measure. Council can go through a legislator or committee for another bill draft request. The forum can testify.	Required to submit an annual report to the Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau and the governor.
New Hampshire	Must host at least two public hearings a year.	Council may provide testimony.	Required to submit an annual report to the Legislature including recommendations for future legislation. Required to advise the Legislature, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives on proposed or pending legislation, state budget expenditures, and policy matters related to youth.
New Mexico	Subject to funding, the Alliance is required to engage a diverse group of local peers and solicit their input and launch local projects.		Required to submit an annual report to the Legislature. Staffer acts as a liaison between the Alliance and the Children's Cabinet, the Legislature and other government officials.
North Dakota	Does not specify.		Required to develop a list of issues important to youth under age of 25. Required to explore issues and concerns, review current situations and develop recommendations for consideration by local, regional and state-level policymakers. Required to submit a report to the legislative council before September 1, 2010.
Washington	Must host two public hearings. The council is encouraged to poll other students to gain a broad perspective.		Required to submit an annual report to the Legislature. Required to advise the legislature on proposed and pending legislation, including state budget expenditures and policy matters relating to youth. Required to conduct an annual seminar for members and the legislature. The Senate and House of Representatives may provide policy and fiscal briefings and assistance with drafting proposed legislation.