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Gov. Nikki Haley Designates HHS As The Lead Agency For BabyNet *Director Rick Reames To Chair Council Comprised Of S.C. Business Leaders*

COLUMBIA, S.C. – Governor Nikki Haley today announced the South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services will be responsible for administering Part C of South Carolina’s Individuals with Disabilities Education Act program known as BabyNet . Established by executive order, the Council will analyze factors and criteria that impact the ability of local governments to attract, retain, and develop business and industry. South Carolina Department of Revenue Director Rick Reames, who joined the governor and business leaders at today’s announcement, will chair the Council.

A copy of Executive Order XXX can be found on the [governor's website](#).

[Quotes from supportive agencies]

The Council will evaluate local governments based on three general categories and will be made up of business leaders with expertise in each of those areas:

Public Infrastructure

Keller Kissam - Senior VP, SCANA Corporation
Deepal S. Eliatamby - President, Alliance Consulting Engineers, Inc.
Bob Hughes - President, Hughes Development Corporation

Taxes, Business and Industry, and Regulation

Burnet R. Maybank III - Attorney, Nexsen Pruet
Dr. Rebecca Gunnlaugsson - Economist, Acuitas Economics
Suzanne Pucci - Owner, Stanley Steemer of Columbia, S.C.

Workforce Readiness

Dr. Barrie B. Kirk - VP of Corporate and Continuing Education and Economic Development, Midlands Technical College
Kim Phillips - HR Director, Hamrick Mills

Helen Hill - CEO, Charleston Area Convention and Visitors Bureau
Dr. Rebecca Gunnlaugsson - Economist, Acuitas Economics

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