



## NAIROBI CITY COUNTY ASSEMBLY

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The House met at 9.30 a.m.

*[Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker (Ms. June Ndegwa) in the Chair]*

PRAYER

#### QUORUM

**Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker:** Sergeant-at-Arms, confirm whether we have quorum. Clerk, proceed.

#### BILL

##### *Second Reading*

NAIROBI CITY COUNTY EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT AND EDUCATION BILL 2021, ASSEMBLY BILL  
NO. 5 OF 2021

**Hon. Jayendra Malde:** Thank you Hon. Speaker. I beg to move the following Motion: That the Nairobi City County Early Childhood Development and Education Bill 2021, Assembly Bill No. 5 of 2021, be now read a second time.

Madam Speaker, the Bill was read the First Time on 7<sup>th</sup> September 2021 and committed to the relevant sectoral committee pursuant to the provision of Standing Orders Nos.130 And 131. Article 43 of the Constitution of Kenya 2010 provides that every person has the right to education, Paragraph 9 of Part II of the Forth Schedule to the Constitution provides for the function of the County Government regarding Early Childhood Development and Education as a right in the constitution providing the guidelines within which the right can be exercised in Nairobi County is imperative.

Madam Speaker, the principle objective of this Bill is to establish administrative requirements and curriculum framework to provide for Early Childhood Education in the county. This Bill proposes values and principles in provision of pre-primary school education in the county which include:

- a) The right of every child to free and compulsory pre-primary school education;
- b) Equitable access for the child to pre-primary education;

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- c) Promotion of quality and relevant education;
- d) Protection of every child against discrimination
- e) Protection of the right of every child in the public school to equal standard of education including the medium of instruction used in the school for all children of the same educational level; and
- f) Ensuring human dignity and integrity of persons engaged in the management of pre-primary school education

Madam Speaker, the proposed law is aimed at developing a system and structure of pre-primary school education where the County Government is to promote free pre-primary education and training the early childhood education teachers in the county.

In addition, the County established a structure to enable learners to access education and training at any level in a sequence and at space that may be commensurate with the individual, physical and mental abilities, and the resources available.

Hon. Speaker, the Bill set out provision for establishment of regulations and management of the County special preprimary school institutions. The County Education Authority to provide for education assessment and research center, including special needs service. I am confident that the implementation of this proposed law will go a long way in improving the early childhood and education in the County.

Madam Speaker, I call upon Mheshimiwa Jagero to second the Bill. Thank you.

**Hon. Millicent Jagero:** Thank you, Madam Speaker. I rise to second this Bill that has been brought forward by the Hon. Jayendra Malde. In the County of Nairobi, we have less childhood centers. In all the government institutions, we are aware that it is compulsory for every primary school to have ECDEs. But they are not there and the existing ones do not have the quality that we need. Some of them are not even accessible or have less classes that can accommodate the children in the localities. I believe that this Bill is going to change many things in the ECDEs. So much will be done because accessibility and affordability of every child will be ensured, and this growth will take them far. I rise to second the Motion. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

*(Question proposed)*

**Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker:** Debate? Hon. Mary Mwami on Zoom

**Hon. Mary Mwami:** Thank you, Madam Speaker. I stand to support this Bill a hundred per cent simply because our children are our heritage. It is important for them to be having very good foundation. Since it is only the nursery schools that have been devolved, it is important that we streamline ways in dealing with our nursery schools so that our children, when they go to any public school, they are able to learn without encumbrance of having not well-structured way of learning. This Bill seems to streamline not only the public schools, but it is also going to streamline on how you deal with schools that are privately ran because sometimes people are interested with money in private schools and so we are going to streamline the public as well as private schools.

Secondly, we are going to streamline how we deal with parents and teachers in the various institution it is already noted most of our primary schools do not necessarily have the early childhood and yet they have a ground. They even have a building and so we are going to erect a building and the grounds are for Nairobi County Government. Though the primary school have been taken to the National Government the ground on which they stand belongs to the county Government.

Therefore, what we are going to do is to see how we can have every primary school have a nursery or early childhood centre so that our children are not travelling very far. We are leaving in a world that is very dangerous to our children so we need our children as close to home as possible so that when the parent is at work, they are not worried about how the children are going to school.

Therefore, I stand to say that this is a very great Motion and congratulation Hon. Malde. We as the Committee of Education, which am a Member of it we support this Motion a hundred per cent and we are going to stand with him so that we see it is implemented. We are calling upon our executive side in charge of education to take this speedily and be able to implement it because it is this streamlining together with making it be anchored in the law, which is very important as it was supposed to be there as early as yesterday. I support this Motion and I stand to support it a hundred per cent. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

**Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker:** Thank Hon. Mary Mwami. Hon Silas Matara!

**Hon. Silas Matara:** Thank you Hon. Speaker for this opportunity and taking consciousness of the fact that you should always be on that seat quite frequently as you are always in this House. Let me take this opportunity to extend my gratitude and congratulation to Hon. Malde for this well thought out Bill proposal, which has come to the House as Motion. We as leaders of Nairobi when we were standing for election in 2017, education in terms of early childhood education was one of our pillars for campaigning as we promised Nairobians that we are going to put a lot of effort into ensuring that children join ECDs.

We realized that the good that we can offer the children of Nairobi is good education. Hon. Speaker, ECDs are anchored in the Constitution on matters education and this Bill is going to customize ECD matters within Nairobi. I wish that you facilitate and expedite the Bill so that as soon as we pass it, the Executive go on to implement and with that, I beg to support the Motion. Thank you.

**Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker:** Mover

**Hon. Jayendra Malde:** Thank you Madam Speaker. I wish to acknowledge with gratitude the office of the Speaker and Clerk of the County Assembly for the logistical and technical support accorded during the drafting of this proposed law. Appreciation is also extended to all stakeholders who contributed in developing this law and thank my counterpart Hon. Jagero for seconding the Motion, Mheshimiwa Mwami, Mheshimiwa Silas and all the MCAs of this great Assembly.

Finally, my gratitude goes to the County Assembly for the support in developing this Bill and with that, I beg to reply. Thank you.

*(Question put and agreed to)*

*Second Reading*

THE NAIROBI CITY COUNTY EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT EDUCATION BILL 2021  
(A BILL FOR AN ACT OF NAIROBI CITY COUNTY ASSEMBLY TO MAKE PROVISIONS FOR COMPREHENSIVE PRE-PRIMARY SCHOOLING AND EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES SO AS TO ACHIEVE THE GOALS OF BASIC EDUCATION FOR ALL RESIDENDS AND FOR CONNECTED PURPOSES)

## ADJOURNMENT

**Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker:** There being no other business, this Assembly stands adjourns until today Tuesday November 16<sup>th</sup>. 2021 at 2:30 p.m. Thank you.

**The House rose at 10.05 a.m.**