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HOUSE BILL 731  
Committee Substitute Favorable 5/11/21  
PROPOSED SENATE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE H731-PCS40787-BC-66

Short Title: Add'l Path to NC Early Childhood Credential.

(Public)

Sponsors:

Referred to:

April 29, 2021

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO CREATE ADDITIONAL WAYS FOR INDIVIDUALS TO EARN A NORTH  
CAROLINA EARLY CHILDHOOD CREDENTIAL.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**SECTION 1.(a)** Definitions. – As used in this section, "Commission" means the  
North Carolina Child Care Commission and "Credential Rule" means 10A NCAC 09 .0102(32).

**SECTION 1.(b)** Temporary Rule. – Until the effective date of the revised permanent  
rule the Commission is required to adopt pursuant to subsection (d) of this section, the  
Commission shall implement the Credential Rule, as provided in subsection (c) of this section.

**SECTION 1.(c)** Implementation. – The "North Carolina Early Childhood  
Credential" shall mean the State early childhood credential that is based on either (i) completion  
of required early childhood coursework taken at any North Carolina community college, (ii) the  
receipt by the individual seeking the credential of a Child Development Associate Credential  
from the Council for Professional Recognition, or (iii) a passing score on a test approved by the  
Commission designed to demonstrate an individual's mastery of the concepts taught in early  
childhood coursework taken at any North Carolina community college.

**SECTION 1.(d)** Additional Rulemaking Authority. – The Commission shall adopt  
a rule to amend the Credential Rule consistent with subsection (c) of this section.  
Notwithstanding G.S. 150B-19(4), the rule adopted by the Commission pursuant to this section  
shall be substantively identical to the provisions of subsection (c) of this section. Rules adopted  
pursuant to this section are not subject to Part 3 of Article 2A of Chapter 150B of the General  
Statutes. Rules adopted pursuant to this section shall become effective as provided in  
G.S. 150B-21.3(b1), as though 10 or more written objections had been received as provided in  
G.S. 150B-21.3(b2).

**SECTION 1.(e)** Applicability and Sunset. – This section is effective when it  
becomes law. This section expires when permanent rules adopted as required by subsection (d)  
of this section become effective.

**SECTION 2.** Except as otherwise provided, this act is effective when it becomes  
law.



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