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## SENATE BILL 722 PROPOSED COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE S722-PCS15325-BP-10

Short Title: Child	Care Flexibilities.	(Public)	
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WORKFORCE ASSOCIATE (CI The General Assemb SECTION Services, Division of implement criteria the through 3 years of ago the requirements for	A BILL TO BE ENTITLED OVIDE FLEXIBILITIES IN CHILD ( SHORTAGE BY RECOGNIZING TH DA) CREDENTIAL IN EARLY CHILDHO Oly of North Carolina enacts: N 1. No later than March 31, 2024, the De of Child Development and Early Education that incorporates the child development associate incorporates the child development associate and the CDA credential for 3 to 5 years of the star rating system for child care. An incorporate incorpora	E CHILD DEVELOPMENT COOD EDUCATION.  Expartment of Health and Human in (Division), shall develop and ciate (CDA) credential for birth if age to count toward satisfying dividual seeking recognition for	
requirements:	Earn a high school diploma, a general credential, or be enrolled as a junior of and technical program in early childhor Complete 120 hours of formal early covering the growth and development 3 years of age or 3 to 5 years of age, hours in each of the following eight sure 1. Planning a safe and healthy lear 2. Advancing children's physical 3. Supporting children's social and 4. Building productive relationsh 5. Managing an effective program 6. Maintaining a commitment to 5. Observing and recording children's contained to 5.	cation criteria as follows: deducation development (GED) or senior in a high school career cod education. development childhood education training, of children either birth through with no fewer than 10 training disject areas: arning environment. and intellectual development. and emotional development. disp with families. m operation. professionalism.	
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(3) Do	ocumentation. – Within six months of sub DA credential for birth through 3 years of		



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1	individual shall (i) prepare the individual's CDA portfo	lio, which shall consist
2	of a collection of reference materials related to the	
3	children and families, and (ii) select a CDA pro-	fessional development
4	specialist to conduct the individual's CDA verificati	on visit to review the
5	individual's professional portfolio, observe the ind	ividual working with
6	children, complete dialogue with the individual	, and submit score
7	recommendations.	
8	(4) Experience. – Within three years of submitting the ap	oplication for the CDA
9	credential for birth through 3 years of age or 3 to 5 year	s of age, the individual
10	must obtain 480 hours of professional work experie	ence in a center-based
11	setting with children either birth through 3 years of age	e or 3 to 5 years of age.
12	<b>SECTION 2.</b> This act becomes effective October 1, 2023.	

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