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PROPOSED SENATE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE H731-CSBC-66 [v.2]  
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Short Title: Add'l Path to NC Early Childhood Credential.

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1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO CREATE ADDITIONAL WAYS FOR INDIVIDUALS TO EARN A NORTH  
3 CAROLINA EARLY CHILDHOOD CREDENTIAL.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

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

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

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

17 **SECTION 1.(d)** Additional Rule-Making Authority. – The Commission shall adopt  
18 a rule to amend the Credential Rule consistent with subsection (c) of this section.  
19 Notwithstanding G.S. 150B-19(4), the rule adopted by the Commission pursuant to this section  
20 shall be substantively identical to the provisions of subsection (c) of this section. Rules adopted  
21 pursuant to this section are not subject to Part 3 of Article 2A of Chapter 150B of the General  
22 Statutes. Rules adopted pursuant to this section shall become effective as provided in G.S. 150B-  
23 21.3(b1), as though 10 or more written objections had been received as provided in G.S. 150B-  
24 21.3(b2).

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

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

