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HOUSE BILL 738

Short Title: Early Ed. Certificat'n Req'd/Only Certain Ind. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Jordan and Sanderson (Primary Sponsors).
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Referred to: Education.

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1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT REQUIRING ONLY CERTAIN EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION PROVIDERS
3 WORKING IN LICENSED CHILD CARE CENTERS OR LICENSED FAMILY CHILD
4 CARE HOMES TO OBTAIN AND MAINTAIN EARLY EDUCATOR
5 CERTIFICATION.

6 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

7 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 110-91(8a) reads as rewritten:
8 **"§ 110-91. Mandatory Standards for a license.**

9 All child care facilities shall comply with all State laws and federal laws and local
10 ordinances that pertain to child health, safety, and welfare. Except as otherwise provided in this
11 Article, the standards in this section shall be complied with by all child care facilities.
12 However, none of the standards in this section apply to the school-age children of the operator
13 of a child care facility but do apply to the preschool-age children of the operator. Children 13
14 years of age or older may receive child care on a voluntary basis provided all applicable
15 required standards are met. The standards in this section, along with any other applicable State
16 laws and federal laws or local ordinances, shall be the required standards for the issuance of a
17 license by the Secretary under the policies and procedures of the Commission except that the
18 Commission may, in its discretion, adopt less stringent standards for the licensing of facilities
19 which provide care on a temporary, part-time, drop-in, seasonal, after-school or other than a
20 full-time basis.

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22 (8a) Education ~~Certification~~Certification; Exceptions. – An individual shall
23 remain current in all certification required by this subdivision as long as the
24 individual is working in licensed child care.

25 a. Teaching staff. – Teaching staff working in licensed child care
26 centers as of October 1, 2010, shall have their education certified by
27 the North Carolina Institute for Child Development Professionals by
28 July 1, 2012. Teaching staff hired to work in licensed child care
29 centers after October 1, 2010, shall have their education certified by
30 the North Carolina Institute for Child Development Professionals
31 within 60 days of their hiring.

32 b. ~~Licensed family child care home providers.~~ Licensed family child
33 care home providers in operation as of October 1, 2010, shall have
34 their education certified by the North Carolina Institute for Child
35 Development Professionals by July 1, 2012. Licensed family child



~~care home providers that begin operation after October 1, 2010, shall have their education certified by the North Carolina Institute for Child Development Professionals within 60 days of licensing.~~

- c. Child care administrators. – Child care administrators shall have their education certified with an Administrator Endorsement by July 1, 2012. Child care administrators hired after July 1, 2012, shall have their education certified with an Administrator Endorsement within 60 days of their hiring.

This subdivision shall not apply to licensed family child care home providers, substitute teaching staff, part-time staff, summer program staff, or volunteers.

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SECTION 2. This act is effective when it becomes law.