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Referred to Committee on Higher Education and Employment
Advancement

Introduced by:
(HED)

***AN ACT CONCERNING THE PROFESSIONALIZATION OF THE EARLY
CHILDHOOD EDUCATION WORKFORCE.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General
Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established a committee
2 to review and assess pathways to baccalaureate degrees in early
3 childhood education and child development to promote the
4 professionalization of the early childhood education workforce. The
5 committee shall identify existing systems and programs that lead to
6 two and four-year degrees in early childhood education or child
7 development. The committee shall (1) review and assess the
8 accessibility of these programs by the early childhood education
9 workforce, (2) make recommendations for increased access to initial
10 teacher certification in early childhood education or child
11 development, and (3) make recommendations for strengthening the
12 existing articulation agreement between two and four year colleges
13 offering early childhood education or child development.

14 (b) The committee shall consist of the following members:

15 (1) The Commissioner of Higher Education, or the commissioner's
16 designee;

17 (2) The Commissioner of Education, or the commissioner's designee;

18 (3) The chief of the Bureau of Educator Preparation, Certification,
19 Support and Assessment at the Department of Education;

20 (4) One appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives
21 who shall be the academic dean of a public institution of higher
22 education that offers a teacher preparation program in early childhood
23 education or child development at the baccalaureate level;

24 (5) One appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate who
25 shall be the academic dean of an independent institution of higher
26 education that offers a teacher preparation program in early childhood
27 education or child development at the baccalaureate level;

28 (6) One appointed by the majority leader of the House of
29 Representatives who shall be a representative from the Community-
30 Technical College System;

31 (7) One appointed by the majority leader of the Senate who shall be
32 a faculty member of a two-year program in early childhood education
33 or child development;

34 (8) One appointed by the minority leader of the House of
35 Representatives who shall be a faculty member of a four-year program
36 in early childhood education or child development;

37 (9) One appointed by the minority leader of the Senate who shall be
38 a representative of Charter Oak State College;

39 (10) The director of the Office of Workforce Competitiveness or the
40 director's designee;

41 (11) One appointed by the Governor who shall be from the state's
42 Career Ladder Advisory Committee with expertise in early childhood

43 education; and

44 (12) Two appointed by the Commissioner of Education one of
45 whom shall be a representative of a local or regional school district that
46 offers a state-funded school readiness program; and one of whom shall
47 be a community representative from a local school readiness program.

48 (c) All appointments to the committee shall be made no later than
49 thirty days after the effective date of this section. Any vacancy shall be
50 filled by the appointing authority.

51 (d) The Commissioner of Higher Education or the commissioner's
52 designee shall be the chairperson of the committee. The chairperson
53 shall schedule the first meeting of the committee, which shall be held
54 no later than sixty days after the effective date of this section.

55 (e) Not later than October 1, 2005, the committee shall submit a
56 report on its findings and recommendations to the General Assembly,
57 in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general
58 statutes.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To create a committee to assess access to early childhood education or child development programs.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]