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To: Subst. Senate Bill No. 1098

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

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the
2 following in lieu thereof:

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

12 teacher certification in early childhood education or child
13 development, and (3) make recommendations for strengthening the
14 existing articulation agreement between two and four year colleges
15 offering early childhood education or child development.

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

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

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

20 (3) The Commissioner of Social Services, or the commissioner's
21 designee;

22 (4) The Labor Commissioner, or the commissioner's designee;

23 (5) One appointed by the Commissioner of Education who shall be
24 knowledgeable in matters involving educator preparation,
25 certification, support and assessment;

26 (6) Two appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives,
27 one of whom shall be the academic dean of a public institution of
28 higher education that offers a teacher preparation program in early
29 childhood education or child development at the baccalaureate level,
30 and one of whom shall be a member of the early childhood education
31 or child development workforce;

32 (7) Two appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate, one
33 of whom shall be the academic dean of an independent institution of
34 higher education that offers a teacher preparation program in early
35 childhood education or child development at the baccalaureate level,
36 and one of whom shall be an academic dean of a baccalaureate degree
37 program in early childhood education or child development at a
38 university of the Connecticut State University system;

39 (8) Two appointed by the majority leader of the House of
40 Representatives, one of whom shall be a representative from the

41 Community-Technical College system, and one of whom shall be a
42 representative of a state teacher's association;

43 (9) Two appointed by the majority leader of the Senate, one of
44 whom shall be a faculty member of an associate degree program in
45 early childhood education or child development, and one of whom
46 shall be a representative of a state administrator's association;

47 (10) Two appointed by the minority leader of the House of
48 Representatives, one of whom shall be a faculty member of an
49 independent institution of higher education that offers a baccalaureate
50 degree program in early childhood education or child development,
51 and one of whom shall be a representative of the Connecticut State
52 University system office;

53 (11) Two appointed by the minority leader of the Senate, one of
54 whom shall be a representative of Charter Oak State College, and one
55 of whom shall be a representative of a state early childhood education
56 association;

57 (12) The director of the Office of Workforce Competitiveness or the
58 director's designee;

59 (13) One appointed by the Governor who shall be from the state's
60 Career Ladder Advisory Committee with expertise in early childhood
61 education; and

62 (14) Two appointed by the Commissioner of Education one of
63 whom shall be a representative of a local or regional school district that
64 offers a preschool program; and one of whom shall be a community
65 representative from a local state-funded school readiness program.

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

69 (d) The Commissioner of Higher Education or the commissioner's
70 designee shall be the chairperson of the committee. The chairperson

71 shall schedule the first meeting of the committee, which shall be held
72 no later than sixty days after the effective date of this section.

73 (e) Not later than January 1, 2006, the committee shall submit a
74 report on its findings and recommendations to the General Assembly,
75 in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general
76 statutes."