



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 455

LCO No. 2400

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Referred to Committee on Higher Education and Employment
Advancement

Introduced by:
(HED)

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

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2006*) (a) The Commissioner of
2 Higher Education shall expand the capacity of programs for training
3 early childhood education teachers through the development of
4 accelerated, alternate route to certification and bridge programs. Such
5 programs may include distance learning and education provided
6 electronically through the Connecticut Education Network. Said
7 commissioner shall develop, enhance and enforce articulation
8 agreements between public institutions of higher education.

9 (b) The Commissioner of Higher Education, in consultation with the
10 Office of Workforce Development and the Department of Education
11 shall define the levels of training for persons involved in early
12 childhood education, from birth to five years of age, including
13 requirements for early childhood credentialing, and shall identify
14 competencies necessary for persons trained in early childhood
15 education.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2006</i>	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To expand the number of early childhood education teachers in Connecticut.

[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.]