



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 455

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**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 to
5 baccalaureate degrees in early childhood education, child development
6 and initial teacher certification with an endorsement in early childhood
7 education. Such programs may include a diverse array of distance
8 learning and education. Said commissioner shall develop, enhance and
9 enforce articulation agreements between two and four-year public
10 institutions of higher education that offer programs of study in early
11 childhood education, child development and teacher certification in
12 early childhood education.

13 (b) The Commissioner of Higher Education, in consultation with the
14 Office of Workforce Development, the Department of Education, the
15 Department of Social Services, Charter Oak State College, early
16 childhood education faculty at two and four-year public institutions of
17 higher education, early childhood education professional associations,
18 early childhood education advocates and practitioners, and persons
19 knowledgeable in the area of career development and programs in

20 early childhood care and education, shall (1) define the preservice and
21 minimum training requirements and competencies for persons
22 involved in early childhood education, from birth to five years of age,
23 including requirements for individual levels of early childhood
24 credentialing and licensing, and (2) develop a reliable, standardized
25 informational data base that provides accurate and on-going data on
26 the supply of the early childhood workforce and the qualifications of
27 such workforce.

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

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