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House Bill No. 6544
As Amended by House Amendment
Schedule "A"

Approved by the Legislative Commissioner
May 11, 2009

***AN ACT SIMPLIFYING PROCEDURES FOR EARLY CHILDCARE AND
EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION FACILITIES.***

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

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) The Departments of Social
2 Services, Education and Public Health shall conduct a joint study of
3 the requirements and procedures related to early childcare and early
4 childhood education to simplify procedures for caregivers. The study
5 shall include an examination of the regulations and other requirements
6 of the departments that apply to caregivers of young children. The
7 departments shall (1) identify existing requirements and procedures
8 that are duplicative or unnecessary, and (2) make recommendations
9 for simplifying requirements and procedures for caregivers.

10 (b) Not later than January 1, 2010, the Commissioners of Social
11 Services, Education and Public Health shall submit a joint report of the
12 departments' findings and recommendations to the joint standing
13 committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
14 relating to human services, education and public health, in accordance
15 with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes.

16 Sec. 2. (*Effective from passage*) Not later than January 1, 2010, the
17 Departments of Education and Public Health shall jointly develop and
18 implement a single standard for determining if an individual has
19 obtained twelve or more credits in early childhood education or child
20 development for the purpose of: (1) Qualification as a head teacher of a
21 child day care center licensed by the Department of Public Health
22 pursuant to section 19a-80 of the general statutes, or (2) qualification as
23 a teacher in a program receiving school readiness funds from the
24 Department of Education.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	New section

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OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: See Below

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

This bill requires the Departments of Social Services, Education and Public Health to study early childcare and childhood education and to submit a report to the General Assembly. The bill also requires the Departments of Education and Public Health to jointly develop and implement a single standard for determining if an individual has obtained twelve or more credits in early childhood education or child development, for various purposes.

The departments will incur a minimal administrative cost to carryout the requirements of the bill.

House "A" added the provision concerning a single standard for determining credits.

OLR Bill Analysis

HB 6544 (as amended by House "A")

AN ACT SIMPLIFYING PROCEDURES FOR EARLY CARE AND EARLY EDUCATION FACILITIES.

SUMMARY:

The Office of Legislative Research does not analyze Special Acts.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Human Services Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 15 Nay 3 (03/10/2009)

Public Health Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 26 Nay 0 (04/06/2009)

Education Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 27 Nay 0 (04/21/2009)