



House Bill No. 6544

Special Act No. 09-10

***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:

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

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

Sec. 2. (*Effective from passage*) Not later than January 1, 2010, the Departments of Education and Public Health shall jointly develop and

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implement a single standard for determining if an individual has obtained twelve or more credits in early childhood education or child development for the purpose of: (1) Qualification as a head teacher of a child day care center licensed by the Department of Public Health pursuant to section 19a-80 of the general statutes, or (2) qualification as a teacher in a program receiving school readiness funds from the Department of Education.

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