



# HOUSE BILL 731: Add'l Path to NC Early Childhood Credential.

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<b>Committee:</b>	Senate Health Care. If favorable, re-refer to Rules and Operations of the Senate	<b>Date:</b>	June 1, 2022
<b>Introduced by:</b>	Rep. White	<b>Prepared by:</b>	Jason Moran-Bates Committee Staff
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**OVERVIEW:** *The Proposed Committee Substitute to House Bill 731 would create additional pathways for individuals to earn a North Carolina Early Childhood Credential.*

**CURRENT LAW:** Under current law, individuals must complete early child coursework at a North Carolina community college to earn a North Carolina Early Childhood Credential.

**BILL ANALYSIS:** The PCS to House Bill 731 would direct the North Carolina Child Care Commission to adopt a rule awarding the North Carolina Early Childhood Credential to individuals who possess Child Development Associate Credential from the Council for Professional Recognition or who test out of the currently required community college course.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** This bill would be effective when it becomes law and sunset when the new permanent rule is adopted.

**BACKGROUND:** Child care facilities receive star ratings from DHHS based (in part) on the level of education of their staff members. In general, the higher percentage of teachers who have a North Carolina Early Childhood Credential, the higher the rating.

The Child Development Associate Credential from the Council for Professional Recognition is awarded based on the applicant's passing a 65-question exam and receiving a satisfactory observation working with children as a lead teacher in a specific age group.

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