



SENATE BILL 722: Child Care Flexibilities.

2023-2024 General Assembly

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| Committee: | | Date: | December 15, 2023 |
| Introduced by: | | Prepared by: | Jessica Boney Staff Attorney |
| Analysis of: | S.L. 2023-87 | | |

OVERVIEW: *S.L. 2023-87 directs the Division of Child Development and Early Education, Department of Health and Human Services, to develop and implement criteria to allow the child development associate credential to satisfy education requirements of the star rating system for child care.*

This act became effective October 1, 2023.

BILL ANALYSIS:

S.L. 2023-87 directs the Division of Child Development and Early Education (DCDEE), Department of Health and Human Services, to develop and implement criteria incorporating the child development associate (CDA) credential for either birth through three years of age or three to five years of age to satisfy educational requirements under the star rating system by March 31, 2024.

An individual seeking recognition for the CDA credential must do the following:

- Earn a high school degree, a GED credential, or be enrolled as a junior or senior in a high school career and technical program in early childhood education.
- Complete 120 hours of formal early childhood education with no fewer than 10 hours in specified subject areas.
- Complete training through an organization that has expertise in childhood education and teacher preparation, and provides official documentation.
- Within six months of submitting the CDA credential application, prepare a CDA professional portfolio and select a CDA professional development specialist to conduct a CDA verification visit.
- Within three years of submitting the CDA credential application, obtain 480 hours of professional work experience in a center-based setting with children.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This act became effective October 1, 2023.

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