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MEMORANDUM

TO: Interested Parties

FROM: Dedra Alston
Rule-Making Coordinator

RE: Proposed Changes to Child Care Rules
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The NC Child Care Commission is proposing rule changes regarding Early Educator Certification (EEC) in accordance to G.S. 110-91(8a). During the 2010 Legislative Session, the NC General Assembly passed SB 1119, which requires teachers and family child care home providers to obtain and maintain their Early Educator Certification through the Institute for Child Development Professionals. This certification is based solely on education attainment and includes a level for individuals who have not had any education beyond high school. The proposed rules allow certification to be an option for teaching staff to achieve the education qualifications required in the Child Care Requirements. Amendments for the EEC are in Rules .0102, .2819, .2820 and .2822.

Amendments to Rules .0302 and .1702 provide a mechanism for an applicant to be licensed. The current rules do not allow any leeway for denials and these amendments would loosen the restrictive language.

Rule .2101 is being amended to correct a reference in the rule that no longer exists for religious-sponsored centers.

A public hearing will be held on February 10, beginning at 1:00 p.m. at the Division of Child Development, 319 Chapanoke Road, Suite 120, Raleigh, NC. A copy of the proposed rules as published in the January 18th, NC Register is attached and will also be available on the Division's website at www.ncchildcare.net under the "What's New" tab.

The Child Care Commission encourages and welcomes feedback from you. This is an opportunity for the public to provide input on the proposed rules. It will be helpful for the Commission to hear your concerns or support for these changes as the rules are finalized. Written comments may be submitted through March 21, 2011, to Dedra Alston, Rule-making Coordinator, NC Division of Child Development, 2201 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-2201 or by email to Dedra.Alston@dhhs.nc.gov. Please feel free to visit the Division of Child Development's website at www.ncchildcare.net as a source of information about child care and for any updates.

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