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**LEGISLATIVE BILL 1206**

Introduced by Vargas, 7.

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Committee:

- 1 A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to education; to amend section 71-1962,
- 2 Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to require reporting to the
- 3 Nebraska Early Childhood Professional Record System; and to repeal
- 4 the original section.
- 5 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1 Section 1. Section 71-1962, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
2 amended to read:

3 71-1962 (1) Not later than March 1, 2014, the State Department of  
4 Education shall create and operate the Nebraska Early Childhood  
5 Professional Record System. The system shall be designed in order to:

6 (a) Establish a data base of Nebraska's early childhood education  
7 workforce;

8 (b) Verify educational degrees and professional credentials held and  
9 relevant training completed by employees of participating applicable  
10 child care and early childhood education programs; and

11 (c) Provide such information to the Department of Health and Human  
12 Services for use in evaluating applications to be rated at a step above  
13 step one under section 71-1959.

14 (2) When an applicable child care or early childhood education  
15 program participating in the quality rating and improvement system  
16 developed pursuant to section 71-1955 applies under section 71-1959 to be  
17 rated at a step above step one, the child care or early childhood  
18 education program shall report the educational degrees and professional  
19 credentials held and relevant training completed by its child care and  
20 early childhood education employees to the Nebraska Early Childhood  
21 Professional Record System for the program to be eligible for a quality  
22 scale rating above step one.

23 (3) Any child care or early childhood education provider residing or  
24 working in Nebraska shall ~~may~~ report his or her educational degrees and  
25 professional credentials held, relevant training completed, and work  
26 history to the Nebraska Early Childhood Professional Record System.

27 (4) The State Department of Education shall develop a classification  
28 system for all employees of applicable child care and early childhood  
29 education programs listed in the Nebraska Early Childhood Professional  
30 Record System. The classification system shall be based on the employees'  
31 educational degrees and professional credentials held, relevant training

1 completed, and work history and shall be made up of four levels, with  
2 level one being the least qualified and level four being the most  
3 qualified. The minimum qualification for an employee to be classified as  
4 level one shall be a Child Development Associate Credential or a one-year  
5 certificate or diploma in early childhood education or child development.  
6 The classification system shall be used for purposes of the tax credit  
7 granted in section 77-3605.

8       Sec. 2.   Original section 71-1962, Reissue Revised Statutes of  
9 Nebraska, is repealed.