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Introduced by Representatives Rosenquist of Georgia, Gamache of Swanton,
Gregoire of Fairfield, Higley of Lowell, Mattos of Milton,
McFaun of Barre Town, Nicoll of Ludlow, Pajala of
Londonderry, Toof of St. Albans Town, and Wood of
Waterbury

Referred to Committee on

Date:

Subject: Human services; child care providers; educational and experiential
requirements

Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to require the
Commissioner for Children and Families to amend the Department's rules
related to child care providers to postpone enforcement of educational and
experiential requirements and to create an opportunity for certain providers'
professional experiences to satisfy the Department's educational and
experiential requirements.

An act relating to compliance with child care providers' educational and
experiential requirements

1 It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

2 Sec. 1. RULEMAKING; AMENDMENT

3 On or before January 1, 2020, the Commissioner for Children and Families
4 shall amend the Department's existing child care rules pursuant to 3 V.S.A.
5 chapter 25 as follows:

6 (1) Changes to the qualifications and experiences required of family
7 child care providers in registered family child care homes and teacher
8 associates in center-based child care, which took effect on September 1, 2017,
9 shall not be enforced until September 1, 2021.

10 (2) With regard to registered family child care homes and center-based
11 child care and preschool programs, the Department shall establish in rule a
12 process for eligible family child care providers and teacher associates to use
13 professional experiences to satisfy the Department's qualification and
14 experience requirements. To be eligible to use professional experience to
15 satisfy the Department's qualification and experience requirements, a family
16 child care provider or teacher associate shall:

17 (A) have been employed by his or her current employer on
18 August 31, 2017;

19 (B) have at least five years of experience working with groups of
20 children five years of age or younger on a full-time basis; and

1 (C) in the case of a family child care provider, maintain a full license
2 in good standing.

3 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

4 This act shall take effect on passage.