

The state is currently considering bill S.119, which will require all family childcare providers (FCCP) to have a degree in Early Childhood Education (ECE). I have been an FCCP since 2017, and while I do have a masters in ECE, there are so many wonderful providers who do not possess a degree. Many providers work 50+ hours a week and have families of their own to care for. They do not have the time or energy to pursue a college degree.

This requirement will force many FCCPs to close or become unregistered. To even consider this bill during a time when we have such a severe childcare shortage is asinine. This will only exacerbate the problem.

Please consider voting against this bill.

Thank you,  
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