

1 S.206

2 Senator Bongartz moves that the report of the Committee on Health and
3 Welfare be amended as follows:

4 First: By striking out Sec. 4, repeal; variances, in its entirety and
5 inserting in lieu thereof a new Sec. 4 and a Sec. 4a to read as follows:

6 Sec. 4. 26 V.S.A. § 6225 is amended to read:

7 § 6225. VARIANCES

8 (a)(1) The Board shall issue a transitional Early Childhood Educator II or
9 III license to a teacher or director of a program who does not meet the
10 educational and experiential licensure in this chapter. Transitional licenses
11 issued under this subsection shall be valid for a two-year period and shall be
12 renewed by the Board for an otherwise qualified applicant for an additional
13 two-year period with satisfactory supporting documentation of the individual's
14 ongoing work to obtain the required educational and experiential qualifications
15 for licensure under this chapter.

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17 (c) The Board shall issue a transitional Early Childhood Educator II license
18 to a provider operating a family child care home who does not meet the
19 educational and experiential licensure requirements of an Early Childhood
20 Educator II but does meet the educational and experiential license
21 requirements of an Early Childhood Educator I pursuant to this chapter.

1 Transitional licenses under this subsection shall be valid for a two-year period,
2 and renewable for two additional two-year periods, while the licensee
3 completes ongoing work to obtain the required educational and experiential
4 qualifications for Early Childhood II licensure under this chapter.

5 Sec. 4a. 26 V.S.A. § 6225 is amended to read:

6 § 6225. VARIANCES

7 ~~(a)(1) The Board shall issue a transitional Early Childhood Educator II or~~
8 ~~III license to a teacher or director of a program who does not meet the~~
9 ~~educational and experiential licensure in this chapter. Transitional licenses~~
10 ~~issued under this subsection shall be valid for a two-year period and shall be~~
11 ~~renewed by the Board for an otherwise qualified applicant for an additional~~
12 ~~two-year period with satisfactory supporting documentation of the individual's~~
13 ~~ongoing work to obtain the required educational and experiential qualifications~~
14 ~~for licensure under this chapter.~~

15 ~~(2) At the conclusion of three two-year transitional licensure periods, the~~
16 ~~Board, at its discretion, may issue one final two-year transitional license for an~~
17 ~~otherwise qualified applicant if the licensee can demonstrate extenuating~~
18 ~~circumstances for not having attained the educational and experiential~~
19 ~~requirements in this chapter and ongoing work to attain these requirements.~~

20 ~~(b) In addition to the transitional licensure available pursuant to subsection~~
21 ~~(a) of this section, the Board shall also issue an Early Childhood Educator II~~

1 ~~license for individuals who have completed the eligibility requirements set~~
2 ~~forth in subsections 6221(a) and (d) of this chapter and completed one of the~~
3 ~~following:~~

4 ~~(1) 21 college credits in the core early childhood education competency~~
5 ~~areas identified by the Board in rule; or~~

6 ~~(2) prior experiential learning that is assessed by an appropriately~~
7 ~~accredited institution of higher learning to be the equivalent of 21 college~~
8 ~~credits in the core early childhood education competency areas identified by~~
9 ~~the Board in rule.~~

10 ~~(e)~~ The Board shall issue a transitional Early Childhood Educator II license
11 to a provider operating a family child care home who does not meet the
12 educational and experiential licensure requirements of an Early Childhood
13 Educator II but does meet the educational and experiential license
14 requirements of an Early Childhood Educator I pursuant to this chapter.
15 Transitional licenses under this subsection shall be valid for a two-year period,
16 and renewable for two additional two-year periods, while the licensee
17 completes ongoing work to obtain the required educational and experiential
18 qualifications for Early Childhood II licensure under this chapter.

19 Second: By striking out Sec. 5, report; early childhood education licensure,
20 in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof a new Sec. 5 to read as follows:
21 Sec. 5. REPORT; EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATOR LICENSURE

1 On or before November 1, 2031, the Office of Professional Regulation, in
2 consultation with the Department for Children and Families' Child
3 Development Division, shall submit a written report to the House Committees
4 on Government Operations and Military Affairs and on Human Services and to
5 the Senate Committees on Government Operations and on Health and Welfare
6 regarding the implementation of 26 V.S.A. chapter 111, including:

7 (1) the number of licensees by license type;

8 (2) the State resources necessary to implement the chapter;

9 (3) the number and nature of any complaints or enforcement actions
10 against a licensee;

11 (4) the qualifications required for each license type;

12 (5) any changes in the number of registered and licensed family child
13 care homes since the enactment of 26 V.S.A. chapter 111;

14 (6) recommendations to encourage the opening of additional family
15 child care homes; and

16 (7) any other issues the Office deems appropriate.

17 Third: By striking out Sec. 7, effective dates, in its entirety and inserting in
18 lieu thereof a new Sec. 7 to read as follows:

19 Sec. 7. EFFECTIVE DATES

20 (a) This section, Sec. 1 (Office of Professional Regulation), Sec. 2
21 (Vermont Board of Early Childhood Educators), Sec. 5 (report; early

1 childhood educator licensure), and Sec. 6 (Office of Professional Regulation;
2 licensure of early childhood educators; appropriation; positions), Sec. 6a
3 (contingency of funding) shall take effect on July 1, 2026.

4 (b) Sec. 3 (early childhood educators) shall take effect on July 1, 2028.

5 (c) Sec. 4 (26 V.S.A. § 6225) shall take effect on January 1, 2029.

6 (d) Sec. 4a (26 V.S.A. § 6225) shall take effect on July 1, 2036.