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SENATE BILL NO. 596

FLOOR AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE

(Proposed by Senator Hanger  
on February 7, 2002)

(Patron Prior to Substitute—Senator Hanger)

*A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 63.1-202.02, relating to licensed child day centers; qualifications.*

**Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**

**1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 63.1-202.02 as follows:**

*§ 63.1-202.02. Program leaders and child-care supervisors at licensed child day centers; approved credential.*

*Program leaders and child-care supervisors employed by child day centers may possess an approved credential. For purposes of this section:*

*"Approved credential" means a competency-based credential awarded to individuals who work with children ages five and under in either a teaching, supervisory or administrative capacity and that is specifically awarded or administered by the National Association for the Education of Young Children; the National Academy of Early Childhood Programs; the Association of Christian Schools International; the American Association of Christian Schools; the National Early Childhood Program Accreditation; the National Accreditation Council for Early Childhood Professional Personnel and Programs; the International Academy for Private Education; Standards for the American Montessori Society Accreditation; the International Accreditation and Certification of Childhood Educators, Programs, and Trainers; the National Accreditation Commission; or the Virginia Community College System or other institution of higher learning or its equivalent as determined by the Department.*

*"Program leader" or "child-care supervisor" means an individual designated to be responsible for the direct supervision of children and for the implementation of the activities and services for a group of children in a licensed child day center.*

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