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LEGISLATIVE BILL 868

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Committee: Education

- 1 A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the State Department of Education; to amend
- 2 section 71-1962, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2020; to
- 3 change provisions relating to a classification system used for the
- 4 granting of income tax credits; and to repeal the original section.
- 5 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1 Section 1. Section 71-1962, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
2 2020, is 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 database 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 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 eligible staff members as defined in section 77-3603 who
29 are employees of or who are self-employed individuals providing services
30 for applicable child care and early childhood education programs listed
31 in the Nebraska Early Childhood Professional Record System. The

1 classification system shall be based on the eligible staff members'
2 educational attainment degrees ~~and professional credentials~~ held,
3 relevant training completed, and work history and shall be made up of
4 four levels, with level one being the least qualified and level four
5 being the most qualified. The minimum qualification for an eligible staff
6 member to be classified as level one shall be a Child Development
7 Associate Credential or an equivalent in educational attainment ~~a one-~~
8 ~~year certificate or diploma in early childhood education or child~~
9 ~~development~~. The classification system shall be used for purposes of the
10 tax credit granted in section 77-3605.

11 Sec. 2. Original section 71-1962, Revised Statutes Cumulative
12 Supplement, 2020, is repealed.