

House File 517 - Introduced

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the minimum guidelines for comprehensive
2 early childhood development services for at-risk
3 three-year-old and four-year-old children.
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 256A.3, subsection 5, Code 2015, is
2 amended by adding the following new paragraph:

3 NEW PARAGRAPH. *c.* Each member of the teaching staff
4 employed to provide educational services for at-risk
5 three-year-old and four-year-old children by a child care
6 program receiving a grant under this subsection shall have
7 a minimum of a baccalaureate degree in early childhood
8 education, child development, elementary education, or early
9 childhood special education which encompasses child development
10 and learning of children from birth through kindergarten;
11 family and community relationships; observing, documenting,
12 and assessing young children; teaching and learning; and
13 professional practices and development. The child care program
14 shall also annually make available, and require each member
15 of the teaching staff to complete, at least fifteen hours of
16 professional development opportunities.

17 EXPLANATION

18 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
19 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

20 This bill requires each member of the teaching staff
21 employed to provide educational services to at-risk
22 three-year-old and four-year-old children by a child
23 care program receiving a grant from the child development
24 coordinating council to have a minimum of a baccalaureate
25 degree in early childhood education, child development,
26 elementary education, or early childhood special education.
27 The child care program must also annually make available at
28 least 15 hours of professional development opportunities and
29 require each member of the teaching staff to complete such
30 professional development.