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April 16, 2012

MEMORANDUM

TO: Interested Parties

FROM: Dedra Alston
Rule-Making Coordinator

RE: Proposed Changes to 10A NCAC 09 .0102(7), .2802 and .2823 – Curriculum Requirements

The NC Child Care Commission proposes to amend rules that are in direct response to S.L. 2011-145 that gives the Commission the rule-making authority to review and approve comprehensive, evidenced-based early childhood curricula with a reading component. These curricula shall be used as approved curricula to meet requirements for the NC Pre-K program as well as for the requirement that an approved curriculum must be used in classrooms serving 4-year old children in 4 and 5 star child care programs.

A public hearing will be held on **May 8**, beginning at **1:30 p.m.** at the Division Child Development and Early Education, 319 Chapanoke Rd., Suite 120, Room 300, Raleigh, NC. A copy of the proposed rules as published in the April 16, NC Register is attached and will also be available on the Division's website at www.ncchildcare.net under the "What's New" and "Child Care Rules, Law and Public Information" tabs.

In accordance with G.S. 150B-21.4 the Office of State Budget and Management (OSBM) has determined that there is no fiscal impact to local agencies, and there would be little if any effect on the state government since the curriculum review and approval is already performed as part of the review for those facilities wishing to obtain an extra quality point. However, there may be a limited fiscal impact to small and/or private businesses. A copy of the fiscal note is available on OSBM's website at http://www.osbm.state.nc.us/files/pdf_files/DHHS02272012.pdf.

The Child Care Commission encourages and welcomes feedback from you. This is an opportunity for the public to provide input on the proposed rules. It will be helpful for the Commission to hear your concerns or support for these changes as the rules are finalized. Written comments may be submitted through **June 15, 2012**, to Dedra Alston, Rule-making Coordinator, NC Division of Child Development and Early Education, 2201 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-2201 or by email to Dedra.Alston@dhhs.nc.gov. Please feel free to visit the Division of Child Development and Early Education's website at www.ncchildcare.net as a source of information about child care and for any updates.

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