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of North Dakota

## ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2186

Introduced by

Senators Wardner, Krebsbach, Mathern

Representatives Gulleason, Hawken, Martinson

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 50-11.1 of the North Dakota  
2 Century Code, relating to early childhood care workforce development and department of  
3 human services establishment of a quality improvement rating system for early childhood care  
4 facilities.

5 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:**

6 **SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 50-11.1 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
7 created and enacted as follows:

8 **Workforce development.**

- 9 1. The department, in consultation with higher education officials, shall provide  
10 opportunities for the early childhood care and education workforce voluntarily and  
11 systematically to attain focused training resulting in certificates, specializations,  
12 licensure, and degrees in early childhood development and education. The  
13 department shall establish a statewide system to build systematic training,  
14 including:
- 15 a. Development and implementation of training and education that leads to  
16 certificates, degrees, and other specializations in specific aspects of the early  
17 care and education field.
- 18 b. Development and maintenance of a professional registry for the early  
19 childhood care workforce to track training, education, and experience.
- 20 2. The department, in consultation with the state department of health,  
21 superintendent of public instruction, department of commerce, and a variety of  
22 early childhood care representatives, shall develop a voluntary quality rating  
23 system for licensed early childhood facilities which may be used as a tool to inform

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- 1 parents, public officials, and other purchasers of child care regarding the level of
- 2 quality at a facility.