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**Higher Education Certification Amendments**

2025 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Chief Sponsor: Luz Escamilla**

House Sponsor:

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**LONG TITLE**

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**General Description:**

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This bill creates the Child Care Center Business Management Certificate Program at Utah State University.

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**Highlighted Provisions:**

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This bill:

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▸ creates the Child Care Center Business Management Certificate Program (program) at

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Utah State University;

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▸ provides that the program is managed by Utah State University;

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▸ requires the program to teach students best practices, licensing requirements, and

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management skills to:

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• become a regulated provider;

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• establish certain child care centers; and

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• maintain a small business;

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▸ allows the program to contract with a third party to develop curricula; and

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▸ requires that the program report to certain committees regarding certain program data.

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**Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

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None

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**Other Special Clauses:**

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None

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**Utah Code Sections Affected:**

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ENACTS:

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**53B-18-1901**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

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*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

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Section 1. Section **53B-18-1901** is enacted to read:

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**Part 19. Child Care Center Business Management Certificate Program**

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**53B-18-1901 . Child Care Center Business Management Certificate Program --**

31 **Program requirements -- Reporting.**

32 (1) As used in this section:

33 (a) "Center based child care" means the same as that term is defined in Section  
34 26B-2-401.

35 (b) "Child care" means the same as that term is defined in Section 26B-2-401.

36 (c) "Child care program" means the same as that term is defined in Section 26B-2-401.

37 (d) "Program" means the Child Care Center Business Management Certificate Program  
38 created in Subsection (2).

39 (e) "Regulated provider" means the same as that term is defined in Section 26B-2-401.

40 (f) "Residential child care" means the same as that term is defined in Section 26B-2-401.

41 (2) There is created the Child Care Center Business Management Certificate Program to be  
42 administered by Utah State University.

43 (3) The program shall establish a professional certificate program to teach students best  
44 practices relating to child care business management.

45 (4) The program shall, at a minimum, teach students best practices in establishing a child  
46 care program, including:

47 (a) licensing requirements, as described in Title 26B, Chapter 2, Part 4, Child Care  
48 Licensing, for the student to:

49 (i) become a regulated provider;

50 (ii) create a center based child care center; and

51 (iii) create a residential child care center;

52 (b) utilizing available provider resources as described in Title 35A, Chapter 3, Part 2,  
53 Office of Child Care, including Child Care Quality System Resources; and

54 (c) developing evidence-based early childhood education curriculum.

55 (5) The program shall, at a minimum, teach students necessary skills and best practices for  
56 business management, including:

57 (a) advertising;

58 (b) client recruitment;

59 (c) employee hiring and retention strategies;

60 (d) price setting;

61 (e) participation in subsidy programs, including the award of child care subsidy services  
62 described in Section 35A-3-209; and

63 (f) participation in support programs for small businesses.

64 (6) The program may assist students and alumni in applying to become a regulated provider

- 65 in accordance with Title 26B, Chapter 2, Part 4, Child Care Licensing.
- 66 (7) The program may contract with a third party contractor to develop course curricula and
- 67 instructions in accordance with this part.
- 68 (8) Beginning in 2027, on or before November 1 of each year, Utah State University shall
- 69 report to the Economic Development and Workforce Services Interim Committee, the
- 70 Health and Human Services Interim Committee, and the Education Interim Committee
- 71 on:
- 72 (a) the number of students enrolled in the program;
- 73 (b) the number of students who complete the program;
- 74 (c) the number of students who establish a child care center as described in Subsection
- 75 (4)(a)(ii) or (iii); and
- 76 (d) the number of children who are served by the center described in Subsection (8)(c).
- 77 **Section 2. Effective Date.**
- 78 This bill takes effect on May 7, 2025.