

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
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**SENATE BILL 449**

Short Title: Early Ed Articulation Agreement. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators Barefoot, J. Jackson, Chaudhuri (Primary Sponsors); Smith-Ingram, Van Duyn, and Waddell.

Referred to: Rules and Operations of the Senate

March 29, 2017

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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2 AN ACT TO DIRECT THE STATE BOARD OF COMMUNITY COLLEGES AND THE  
3 BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA TO  
4 DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT A SYSTEMWIDE ARTICULATION AGREEMENT  
5 FOR THE TRANSFER OF CREDIT FROM A COMMUNITY COLLEGE EARLY  
6 CHILDHOOD EDUCATION PROGRAM TO A UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
7 CONSTITUENT INSTITUTION.

8 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

9       **SECTION 1.** By March 1, 2018, the Board of Governors of The University of  
10 North Carolina and the State Board of Community Colleges shall develop an articulation  
11 agreement for the transfer of credits earned for an associate degree in an early childhood  
12 education program at a community college toward a baccalaureate degree in an early childhood  
13 education program at a constituent institution for the purposes of the student obtaining teacher  
14 licensure in the area of early education. The articulation agreement shall apply to all  
15 community college campuses and constituent institutions with early childhood education  
16 programs. The articulation agreement may include that the community college student  
17 transferring credit and enrolling in the constituent institution has a minimum grade point  
18 average and a minimum Praxis I score.

19       **SECTION 2.** By April 15, 2018, the Board of Governors of The University of  
20 North Carolina and the State Board of Community Colleges shall report to the Joint Legislative  
21 Education Oversight Committee on the development of the articulation agreement and the plan  
22 for implementation of the articulation agreement at all community college campuses and  
23 constituent institutions with early childhood education programs. The systemwide articulation  
24 agreement for early childhood education programs entered into between The University of  
25 North Carolina and the Community College System shall apply beginning with the 2018-2019  
26 academic year.

27       **SECTION 3.** This act is effective when it becomes law.

