



## Ohio Revised Code

### Section 3301.311 Preschool program, early childhood education program, or early learning program staff degree requirements.

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(A) As used in this section:

(1) "Department of education" or "department" means the former department of education as it existed prior to the effective date of this amendment for all actions required under this section prior to that date, and means the department of education and workforce for all actions required under this section on or after to that date.

(2) "Preschool program" has the same meaning as in section 3301.52 of the Revised Code.

(B) Subject to divisions (C) and (D) of this section, beginning in fiscal year 2006, no preschool program, and no early childhood education program or early learning program as defined by the department of education shall receive any funds from the state unless fifty per cent of the staff members employed by that program as teachers are working toward an associate degree of a type approved by the department.

(C)(1) Subject to division (C)(2) of this section, beginning in fiscal year 2010, no preschool program, and no early childhood education program or early learning program as defined by the department, existing prior to fiscal year 2007, shall receive any funds from the state unless every staff member employed by that program as a teacher has attained an associate degree of a type approved by the department.

(2) Beginning in fiscal year 2011, no preschool program, and no early childhood education program or early learning program as defined by the department, existing prior to fiscal year 2007, shall receive any funds from the state unless fifty per cent of the staff members employed by the program as teachers have attained a bachelor's degree of a type approved by the department.

(D)(1) Subject to division (D)(2) of this section, beginning in fiscal year 2012, no preschool program,



and no early childhood education program or early learning program as defined by the department, established during or after fiscal year 2007, shall receive any funds from the state unless every staff member employed by that program as a teacher has attained an associate degree of a type approved by the department.

(2) Beginning in fiscal year 2013, no preschool program, and no early childhood education program or early learning program as defined by the department, established during or after fiscal year 2007, shall receive any funds from the state unless fifty per cent of the staff members employed by the program as teachers have attained a bachelor's degree of a type approved by the department.