

AMENDMENT OFFERED BY MR. DAVIS OF ILLINOIS
TO THE AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A
SUBSTITUTE
TO H.R. 1429

Page 126, after line 2, insert the following (and make such technical and conforming changes as may be appropriate):

1 “(h) STAFF QUALIFICATIONS AND DEVELOPMENT.—

2 “(1) HOME VISITOR STAFF STANDARDS.—In

3 order to further enhance the quality of home visiting

4 services provided to families of children participating

5 in home-based, center-based, or combination pro-

6 gram options under this subchapter, the Secretary

7 shall establish standards for training, qualifications,

8 and the conduct of home visits for home visitor staff

9 in Early Head Start programs.

10 “(2) CONTENTS OF STANDARDS.—The stand-

11 ards for training, qualifications, and the conduct of

12 home visits shall include content related to—

13 “(A) structured child-focused home visiting

14 that promotes parents’ ability to support the

1 child's cognitive, social, emotional, and physical
2 development;

3 “(B) effective strengths-based parent edu-
4 cation, including methods to encourage parents
5 as their child's first teachers;

6 “(C) early childhood development with re-
7 spect to children from birth through age 3;

8 “(D) methods to help parents promote
9 emergent literacy in their children from birth
10 through age 3;

11 “(E) ascertaining what health and develop-
12 mental services the family receives and working
13 with these providers to eliminate gaps in service
14 by offering annual health, vision, hearing, and
15 developmental screening for children from birth
16 to entry into kindergarten, when needed;

17 “(F) strategies for helping families coping
18 with crisis; and

19 “(G) the relationship of health and well-
20 being of pregnant women to prenatal and early
21 child development.”.