

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 SENATE BILL 1211

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to child care facilities; amending 10
8 O.S. 2011, Section 404, as last amended by Section 3,
9 Chapter 308, O.S.L. 2013 (10 O.S. Supp. 2015, Section
10 404), which relates to minimum requirements;
11 requiring use of certain subcommittees; deleting
12 provisions relating to committee membership;
13 specifying representation on certain Board; directing
14 consultation with Oklahoma Commission on Children and
15 Youth; and providing an effective date.

16 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

17 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 10 O.S. 2011, Section 404, as last
18 amended by Section 3, Chapter 308, O.S.L. 2013 (10 O.S. Supp. 2015,
19 Section 404), is amended to read as follows:

20 Section 404. A. 1. The Department of Human Services shall
21 appoint advisory committees of representatives of child care
22 facilities and others to:

- 23 a. prepare minimum requirements and desirable standards
24 for promulgation by the Department, ~~and~~
b. provide advice regarding concerns brought by child
care facilities or referred by the Department to

1 assist facilities in meeting minimum requirements~~7,~~
2 and

3 c. utilize subcommittees to make recommendations of best
4 practices in licensing standards for child care
5 centers, family child care homes, residential child
6 care facilities and group homes.

7 2. Committee members shall be appointed for a three-year term,
8 with a two-consecutive-term limit. ~~A majority of any committee~~
9 ~~appointed to prepare requirements and standards for child care~~
10 ~~facilities shall be representatives of child care facilities~~ The
11 committee shall include consumer representation for all categories
12 of facilities licensed by the Department.

13 3. The advisory committee shall create a Child Care Facility
14 Peer Review Board whose purpose shall be to participate in the
15 Department's grievance process. A majority of the Board shall be
16 representatives of child care facilities. The Department shall
17 promulgate rules specifying the duties of the Child Care Facility
18 Peer Review Board in the grievance process.

19 B. Child care facilities shall not allow children to be left
20 alone in the care of any person under eighteen (18) years of age.

21 C. The Department shall promulgate rules establishing minimum
22 requirements and desirable standards as may be deemed necessary or
23 advisable to carry out the provisions of the Oklahoma Child Care
24 Facilities Licensing Act.

1 D. Such rules shall not be promulgated until after consultation
2 with the State Department of Health, the State Department of
3 Education, the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation, the State
4 Fire Marshal, the Commission on Children and Youth and any other
5 agency deemed necessary by the Department. Not less than sixty (60)
6 days' notice, by regular mail, shall be given to all current
7 licensees before any changes are made in such rules.

8 E. In order to improve the standards of child care, the
9 Department shall advise and cooperate with licensees, the governing
10 bodies and staff of licensed child care facilities and assist the
11 staff through advice of progressive methods and procedures, and
12 suggestions for the improvement of services.

13 F. The Department may participate in federal programs for child
14 care services, and enter into agreements or plans on behalf of the
15 state for that purpose, in accordance with federal laws and
16 regulations.

17 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2016.

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