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A BILL  
22-1003

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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To amend the Child Development Facilities Regulation Act of 1998 to differentiate between formal and informal parent-led play cooperatives, and to exempt parent-led play cooperatives from the requirements of the act.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this act may be cited as the “Parent-led Play Cooperative Amendment Act of 2018”.

Sec. 2. The Child Development Facilities Regulation Act of 1998, effective April 13, 1999 (D.C. Law 12-215; D.C. Official Code § 7-2031 *et seq.*) is amended as follows:

(a) Section 2 (D.C. Official Code § 7-2031) is amended as follows:

(1) A new paragraph (3B) is added to read as follows:

“(3B) “Formal parent-led play cooperative” means a group of parents, step-parents, or legal guardians of participating children, including a group that has organized as a nonprofit organization, that have agreed to supervise the participating children during group meetings and that:

“(A) Meets at predetermined times for fewer than 4 hours per day;

“(B) Meets at locations other than a home of one of the parents, step-parents, or legal guardians in the cooperative;

“(C) Does not require payment by parents, step-parents, or legal

28 guardians, other than to cover the costs of administering the group, including rent, insurance,  
29 equipment, and activities;

30                   “(D) Requires, as a prerequisite to joining the cooperative, that a parent,  
31 step-parent, or legal guardian of each participating child in the group volunteer a minimum  
32 number of hours to supervise the participating children during meetings, regardless of whether  
33 the group requires parents, step-parents, or legal guardians of every child to be present at every  
34 meeting;

35                   “(E) Notifies, upon registration with the cooperative, the parents, step-  
36 parents, and legal guardians of each participating child in the group that the group is not a child  
37 development facility licensed pursuant to this act;

38                   “(F) Does not employ any individual to supervise participating children on  
39 behalf of parents; provided, that a parent-led play cooperative may employ an individual to  
40 facilitate activities while parents, step-parents, or legal guardians supervise the participating  
41 children; and

42                   “(G) Has written policies and procedures for the prevention of the spread  
43 of infectious diseases, response to and prevention of food allergies, emergency preparedness, and  
44 handling of health information.”.

45                   (2) A new paragraph (4A) is added to read as follows:

46                   “(4A) “Informal parent-supervised neighborhood play groups” means a group of  
47 parents, step-parents, or legal guardians of participating children who gather together to allow

48 children to play together and does not meet the definition of a formal parent-led play cooperative  
49 as defined in paragraph (3B).”.

50 (b) Section 4 (D.C. Official Code § 7-2033) is amended as follows:

51 (1) Paragraph (5) is amended by striking the phrase “; or” and inserting a  
52 semicolon in its place.

53 (2) Paragraph (6) is amended by striking the period and inserting the phrase “; or”  
54 in its place.

55 (3) A new paragraph (7) is added to read as follows:

56 “(7) “Formal parent-led play cooperative.”.

57 Sec. 3. Fiscal impact statement.

58 The Council adopts the fiscal impact statement in the committee report as the  
59 fiscal impact statement required by section 4a of the General Legislative Procedures Act of 1975,  
60 approved October 16, 2006 (120 Stat. 2038; D.C. Official Code § 1-301.47a).

61 Sec. 4. Effective date.

62 This act shall take effect following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of  
63 veto by the Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto), a 30-day period of congressional  
64 review as provided in section 602(c)(1) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved  
65 December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(1)), and publication in the  
66 District of Columbia Register.