

Senate Bill No. 326–Committee on  
Health and Human Services

CHAPTER.....

AN ACT relating to child care; requiring a child care facility to give priority in admission to children whose parent or guardian serves or has served in the Armed Forces of the United States; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

**Legislative Counsel's Digest:**

Existing law regulates the operation of a child care facility, which is defined as: (1) an establishment operated and maintained for the purpose of furnishing care to five or more children for compensation; (2) a facility operated by a place of business to provide care for the children of its employees; (3) a child care institution; or (4) an outdoor youth program. (NRS 432A.024, 432A.131-432A.220) This bill requires a child care facility, before granting admission to any other child, to grant admission to a child whose: (1) parent or guardian is currently serving on active duty in the Armed Forces of the United States; (2) parent was killed or died as a direct result of injuries received while serving honorably on active duty in the Armed Forces of the United States; or (3) parent is currently or was recently missing in action or a prisoner of war.

Existing law authorizes the Division of Public and Behavioral Health of the Department of Health and Human Services to impose disciplinary action on a child care facility that violates any provision of the chapter governing such facilities. Such discipline may include suspension or revocation of a license. (NRS 432A.190) Therefore, a child care facility that does not give priority in admission as required by this bill will be subject to such disciplinary action.

EXPLANATION – Matter in *bolded italics* is new; matter between brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

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THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN  
SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

**Section 1.** Chapter 432A of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:

*A child care facility shall, to the extent authorized by federal law, give priority in admission to a child whose application for admission includes official documentation from the Federal Government that his or her:*

- 1. Parent or guardian is currently serving on active duty in the Armed Forces of the United States;*
- 2. Parent was killed or died as a direct result of injuries received while serving honorably on active duty in the Armed Forces of the United States; or*
- 3. Parent was reported as a prisoner of war or missing in action while serving honorably on active duty in the Armed Forces of the United States and is currently or has, within 180 days before*



*the date on which the application for admission of the child is submitted, been a prisoner of war or missing in action under such circumstances.*

**Sec. 2.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2017.

