

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 SENATE BILL 1544

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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 authorizing child care facilities to use certain
12 entities for certain purposes; directing promulgation
of rules; and providing an effective date.

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

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

17 Section 404. A. 1. The Department of Human Services shall
18 appoint advisory committees of representatives of child care
19 facilities and others to:

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

1 2. Committee members shall be appointed for a three-year term,
2 with a two-consecutive-term limit. A majority of any committee
3 appointed to prepare requirements and standards for child care
4 facilities shall be representatives of child care facilities.

5 3. The advisory committee shall create a Child Care Facility
6 Peer Review Board whose purpose shall be to participate in the
7 Department's grievance process. The Department shall promulgate
8 rules specifying the duties of the Child Care Facility Peer Review
9 Board in the grievance process.

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

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

16 D. Such rules shall not be promulgated until after consultation
17 with the State Department of Health, the State Department of
18 Education, the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation, the State
19 Fire Marshal, and any other agency deemed necessary by the
20 Department. Not less than sixty (60) days' notice, by regular mail,
21 shall be given to all current licensees before any changes are made
22 in such rules.

23 E. In order to improve the standards of child care, the
24 Department shall advise and cooperate with licensees, the governing

1 bodies and staff of licensed child care facilities and assist the
2 staff through advice of progressive methods and procedures, and
3 suggestions for the improvement of services. The Department may
4 permit licensed child care facilities to contract with private
5 entities for the purposes of training and certification of child
6 care facilities.

7 F. The Department may participate in federal programs for child
8 care services, and enter into agreements or plans on behalf of the
9 state for that purpose, in accordance with federal laws and
10 regulations.

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

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