
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

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INTRODUCED BY CRUZ AND NEILSON, APRIL 4, 2022

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN AND YOUTH, APRIL 4, 2022

AN ACT

1 Requiring certain facilities and persons that provide child care
2 to install video camera surveillance systems; and conferring
3 powers and duties on the Department of Human Services.

4 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
5 hereby enacts as follows:

6 Section 1. Short title.

7 This act shall be known and may be cited as the Video Camera
8 Surveillance in Child Care Facilities Act.

9 Section 2. Definitions.

10 The following words and phrases when used in this act shall
11 have the meanings given to them in this section unless the
12 context clearly indicates otherwise:

13 "Child care." Care in lieu of parental care given for part
14 of a 24-hour day to a child under 16 years of age away from the
15 child's home. The term does not include care in lieu of parental
16 care given to a child under 16 years of age in a place of
17 worship during religious services.

18 "Child care center." Any premises in which child care is
19 provided simultaneously for seven or more children who are not

1 relatives of the provider, regardless of which article of the
2 act of June 13, 1967 (P.L.31, No.21), known as the Human
3 Services Code, applies to it.

4 "Department." The Department of Human Services of the
5 Commonwealth.

6 "Facility." Any of the following:

7 (1) Child care center.

8 (2) Family care home.

9 "Family care home." A home in which child care is provided
10 at any one time to four, five or six children who are not
11 relatives of the provider of the child care and which is
12 required to be registered under the Human Services Code.

13 Section 3. Video camera surveillance systems.

14 (a) Duty to install and maintain.--A facility shall install
15 and maintain video camera surveillance systems that meet or
16 exceed the specifications established by regulation of the
17 department.

18 (b) Regulations.--The department shall promulgate
19 regulations that provide specifications for video camera
20 surveillance systems in facilities and standards for the use of
21 the systems.

22 (c) Inspections.--The department may conduct inspections of
23 facilities to investigate compliance with this act.

24 Section 4. Applicability.

25 This act shall apply to facilities that commence operations
26 after the effective date of this section.

27 Section 5. Effective date.

28 This act shall take effect in 60 days.