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AN ACT

1 Requiring child-care centers to install video camera
2 surveillance systems; and conferring powers and duties on the
3 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 Centers 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

1 provided simultaneously for seven or more children who are not
2 relatives of the provider, regardless of which article of the
3 act of June 13, 1967 (P.L.31, No.21), known as the Human
4 Services Code, applies to it.

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

7 Section 3. Video camera surveillance systems.

8 (a) Duty to install and maintain.--A child-care center shall
9 install and maintain video camera surveillance systems that meet
10 or exceed the specifications established by regulation of the
11 department.

12 (b) Regulations.--The department shall promulgate
13 regulations that provide specifications for video camera
14 surveillance systems in child-care centers and standards for the
15 use of the systems.

16 (c) Inspections.--The department may conduct inspections of
17 child-care centers to investigate compliance with this act.

18 Section 4. Applicability.

19 This act shall apply to child-care centers that commence
20 operations after the effective date of this section.

21 Section 5. Effective date.

22 This act shall take effect in 60 days.