

ENGROSSED SENATE
BILL NO. 177

BY: MILES-LaGRANGE of the
SENATE

and

WILLIAMS of the HOUSE

[PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY - CREATING OFFICE OF
CHILD CARE - CODIFICATION -

EMERGENCY]

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

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1-240 of Title 63, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

There is hereby established within the Department of Human Services the Office of Child Care. The Office of Child Care shall:

1. Develop a state child care plan to qualify for federal child care and development block grant funds;
2. Oversee distribution of state and federal funds related to child care;
3. Provide technical assistance to employers who are interested in exploring child care benefits and community child care needs;
4. Assist the Oklahoma Department of Commerce in promoting Oklahoma as a state that cares about families and children;
5. Address barriers that limit the availability of care for children with handicaps, infants, school-age children and children whose parents work nontraditional hours;

6. Provide oversight, training and technical assistance to resource and referral programs;

7. Coordinate the provision of training statewide for child care providers;

8. Increase community awareness of the need for quality child care which is both available and affordable;

9. Serve as a clearinghouse for child care data, resources and initiatives; and

10. Cooperate with the Compensation Division of the Office of Personnel Management regarding child care benefits for state employees.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 1991.

SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

Passed the Senate the 5th day of March, 1991.

President of the Senate

Passed the House of Representatives the ____ day of

_____, 1991.

Speaker of the House of Representatives