

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 43rd Legislature (1991)

SENATE BILL NO. 177

BY: MILES-LaGRANGE of the
SENATE

and

WILLIAMS of the HOUSE

AS INTRODUCED

AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY;

CREATING THE OFFICE OF CHILD CARE WITHIN THE
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES; STATING DUTIES OF
OFFICE OF CHILD CARE; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION;
PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND DECLARING AN
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. Assist state agencies with the provision of 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.

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