

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE BILL 605

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to children; amending 10 O.S. 1991, Section 401, as amended by Section 1, Chapter 122, O.S.L. 1993 (O.S. Supp. 2000, Section 401), which relates to the Oklahoma Child Care Facilities Licensing Act; expanding purpose and policy of law; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 10 O.S. 1991, Section 401, as amended by Section 1, Chapter 122, O.S.L. 1993 (O.S. Supp. 2000, Section 401), is amended to read as follows:

Section 401. A. Sections 401 through 410 of this title shall be known and may be cited as the "Oklahoma Child Care Facilities Licensing Act".

B. It is the declared purpose and policy of ~~this act, same to be known as~~ the "Oklahoma Child Care Facilities Licensing Act," to ensure:

1. Ensure maintenance of minimum standards for the care and protection of children away from their own homes, ~~to encourage;~~

2. Encourage and assist the child care facility toward maximum standards, ~~and to work~~

3. Work for the development of sufficient and adequate services for child care through joint work of public and voluntary agencies.

C. Whenever possible, child care facilities should help to preserve and restore family life for children. To this end, the Oklahoma Legislature hereby provides for the creation of safe and secure environments for children through the establishment of large family child care homes, as defined in Section 402 of this title, in

neighborhoods and communities throughout this state. Such establishments shall be accomplished without regard for local zoning ordinances that would otherwise limit such establishments.

~~C.~~ D. In order to provide care for children in child care facilities, a license shall be obtained from the Department of Human Services, ~~which is issued on the basis of meeting~~ pursuant to minimum standards which are essential for the health and welfare of the child or children placed for care with such agencies and individuals.

SECTION 2. 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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