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3 SENATE BILL 1593

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to children; amending 10 O.S. 2001,
8 Section 402, which relates to the Oklahoma Child Care
9 Facilities Licensing Act; adding definition; and
10 providing an effective date.

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

12 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 10 O.S. 2001, Section 402, is
13 amended to read as follows:

14 Section 402. As used in the Oklahoma Child Care Facilities
15 Licensing Act:

16 1. "Child" or "minor" means any person who has not attained the
17 age of eighteen (18) years;

18 2. "Child care facility" means any public or private child care
19 residential facility, child placing agency, foster family home,
20 group home, child care center, part-day child care program, family
21 child care home, or large family child care home providing either
22 full-time or part-time care for children away from their own homes;
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1 3. "Child placing agency" means a child welfare agency licensed
2 to place children in foster family homes, group homes or adoptive
3 homes;

4 4. "Full-time care" means continuous care given to a child
5 beyond a minimum period of twenty-four (24) hours;

6 5. "Foster family home" means the private residence of a family
7 which provides foster care services to a child, and includes a
8 specialized foster home, a therapeutic foster family home, or a
9 kinship care home;

10 6. "Foster parent eligibility assessment" includes a criminal
11 background investigation, including, but not limited to, a national
12 criminal history records search based upon the submission of
13 fingerprints, a home assessment, and any other assessment required
14 by the Department of Human Services, the Department of Juvenile
15 Justice, or any child-placing agency pursuant to the provisions of
16 the Oklahoma Foster Care and Out-of-Home Placement Act. A foster
17 parent eligibility assessment shall be similar to the procedures
18 used by the Department of Public Safety for determining suitability
19 of an individual for employment as a highway patrol officer;

20 7. "Group home" means a home providing full-time care and
21 community-based services for more than five, but fewer than thirteen
22 children;

23 8. "Family child care home" means a family home which provides
24 care and supervision for seven or fewer children for part of the

1 twenty-four-hour day. The term "family child care home" shall not
2 include informal arrangements which parents make independently with
3 neighbors, friends, and others, or with caretakers in the child's
4 own home;

5 9. "Large family child care home" means a residential family
6 home which provides care and supervision for eight to twelve
7 children for part of the twenty-four-hour day;

8 10. "Child care center" means a facility which provides care
9 and supervision for children and which operates for more than thirty
10 (30) hours per week. The term "child care center" shall not include
11 informal arrangements which parents make independently with
12 neighbors, friends, and others, or with caretakers in the child's
13 own home;

14 11. "Part-day child care program" means a facility that
15 provides care and supervision for children and that operates for
16 more than fifteen (15) and up to thirty (30) hours per week;

17 12. "Residential child care facility" means a twenty-four-hour
18 residential facility where children live together with or are
19 supervised by adults who are not their parents or relatives;

20 13. "Department" means the Department of Human Services;

21 14. "Commission" means the Commission for Human Services, the
22 policy-making and general supervisory body of the Department; and
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1 15. "Division" means the section within the Department that is
2 assigned responsibilities pursuant to the provisions of the Oklahoma
3 Child Care Facilities Licensing Act; and

4 16. "High quality child care" means services provided by a
5 child care center or large family child care home which has a 3-star
6 rating from the Department of Human Services Reaching for the Stars
7 Program, or which has national accreditation.

8 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2008.

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