

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
4 FOR ENGROSSED
5 SENATE BILL NO. 1800

By: David of the Senate

and

Walker of the House

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10 An Act relating to children; amending 10 O.S. 2011,
11 Section 404, which relates to child care facility
12 operation requirements; authorizing advisory
13 committees to provide certain advice; directing
14 advisory committee to create Child Care Facility Peer
15 Review Board; stating purpose; authorizing Commission
16 for Human Services to promulgate certain rules; and
17 providing an effective date.

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

19 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 10 O.S. 2011, Section 404, is
20 amended to read as follows:

21 Section 404. A. 1. The Department of Human Services shall
22 appoint advisory committees of representatives of child care
23 facilities and others to:

- 24 a. prepare minimum requirements and desirable standards
for promulgation by the Commission for Human Services,
and

1 b. provide advice regarding concerns brought by child
2 care facilities or referred by the Department to
3 assist facilities in meeting minimum requirements.

4 2. Committee members shall be appointed for a three-year term,
5 with a two-consecutive-term limit. A majority of any committee
6 appointed to prepare requirements and standards for child care
7 facilities shall be representatives of child care facilities.

8 3. The advisory committee shall create a Child Care Facility
9 Peer Review Board whose purpose shall be to participate in the
10 Department's grievance process. The Commission shall promulgate
11 rules specifying the duties of the Child Care Facility Peer Review
12 Board in the grievance process.

13 B. Child care facilities shall not allow children to be left
14 alone in the care of any person under eighteen (18) years of age.

15 C. The Commission shall promulgate rules establishing minimum
16 requirements and desirable standards as may be deemed necessary or
17 advisable to carry out the provisions of the Oklahoma Child Care
18 Facilities Licensing Act.

19 D. Such rules shall not be promulgated until after consultation
20 with the State Department of Health, the State Department of
21 Education, the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation, the State
22 Fire Marshal, and any other agency deemed necessary by the
23 Commission. Not less than sixty (60) days' notice, by regular mail,
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1 shall be given to all current licensees before any changes are made
2 in such rules.

3 E. In order to improve the standards of child care, the
4 Department shall advise and cooperate with licensees, the governing
5 bodies and staff of licensed child care facilities and assist the
6 staff through advice of progressive methods and procedures, and
7 suggestions for the improvement of services.

8 F. The Department may participate in federal programs for child
9 care services, and enter into agreements or plans on behalf of the
10 state for that purpose, in accordance with federal laws and
11 regulations.

12 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2012.

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