

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 SENATE BILL 1085

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to child care facilities; amending 10  
8 O.S. 2011, Section 404, which relates to advisory  
9 committees for child care facilities; permitting  
10 certain committees to assess certain complaints and  
11 to assist in forming certain plans; and providing an  
12 effective date.

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

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

16 Section 404. A. The Department of Human Services shall appoint  
17 advisory committees of representatives of child care facilities and  
18 others to prepare minimum requirements and desirable standards for  
19 promulgation by the Commission for Human Services. Committee  
20 members shall be appointed for a three-year term, with a two-  
21 consecutive-term limit. A majority of any committee appointed to  
22 prepare requirements and standards for child care facilities shall  
23 be representatives of child care facilities. Any such committee  
24 appointed to prepare requirements and standards for child care  
facilities may also be appointed to assess nonemergency complaints

1 filed pursuant to Section 406 of this title and to assist the  
2 Department in formulating action plans.

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

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

9 D. Such rules shall not be promulgated until after consultation  
10 with the State Department of Health, the State Department of  
11 Education, the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation, the State  
12 Fire Marshal, and any other agency deemed necessary by the  
13 Commission. Not less than sixty (60) days' notice, by regular mail,  
14 shall be given to all current licensees before any changes are made  
15 in such rules.

16 E. In order to improve the standards of child care, the  
17 Department shall advise and cooperate with licensees, the governing  
18 bodies and staff of licensed child care facilities and assist the  
19 staff through advice of progressive methods and procedures, and  
20 suggestions for the improvement of services.

21 F. The Department may participate in federal programs for child  
22 care services, and enter into agreements or plans on behalf of the  
23 state for that purpose, in accordance with federal laws and  
24 regulations.

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

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