

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 SENATE BILL 601

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5 AS INTRODUCED

6 An Act relating to child care; amending 10 O.S. 2001,
7 Section 404, as last amended by Section 4, Chapter
8 230, O.S.L. 2009 (10 O.S. Supp. 2010, Section 404),
9 which relates to child care facilities; clarifying
10 language; and 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 404, as last
13 amended by Section 4, Chapter 230, O.S.L. 2009 (10 O.S. Supp. 2010,
14 Section 404), is amended to read as follows:

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

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

1 C. The Commission for Human Services shall promulgate rules
2 establishing minimum requirements and desirable standards as may be
3 deemed necessary or advisable to carry out the provisions of the
4 Oklahoma Child Care Facilities Licensing Act.

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

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

17 F. The Department may participate in federal programs for child
18 care services, and enter into agreements or plans on behalf of the
19 state for that purpose, in accordance with federal laws and
20 regulations.

21 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2011.

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