

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 2nd Session of the 56th Legislature (2018)

3 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

4 FOR

HOUSE BILL NO. 2692

By: Dunlap

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8 An Act relating to child care; amending Section 1,
9 Chapter 382, O.S.L. 2016 (10 O.S. Supp. 2017, Section
10 405.4), which relates to the Oklahoma Child Care
11 Facilities Licensing Act; allowing director to
12 qualify as a master teacher; providing probationary
period for master teacher to fulfill educational
qualifications; allowing extension of probationary
period in certain circumstances; and providing an
effective date.

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

16 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY Section 1, Chapter 382, O.S.L.
17 2016 (10 O.S. Supp. 2017, Section 405.4), is amended to read as
18 follows:

19 Section 405.4 A. Any person with a bachelor's degree or
20 postgraduate degree shall be considered as having met the
21 educational requirements for a director of a full-time child care
22 center required by the Department of Human Services. Nothing in
23 this section shall be construed as to affect annual continuing
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1 education requirements. The director of a child care center may
2 also qualify as a master teacher for children of all ages.

3 B. Any person replacing a master teacher at a child care center
4 shall be granted a one-year probationary period to fulfill the
5 educational qualifications required by the Department for a master
6 teacher. The Department may extend the probationary period an
7 additional year as long as the person is actively pursuing that
8 goal.

9 C. Licensed child care facilities opened or expanded before
10 November 1, 2016, shall have thirty-five (35) square feet of floor
11 area per infant in rooms occupied only by infants. New construction
12 and existing space not previously licensed for child care after
13 November 1, 2016, shall have forty (40) square feet of floor area
14 per infant in rooms occupied only by infants.

15 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2018.
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