

1 ENGROSSED HOUSE  
2 BILL NO. 2692

By: Dunlap of the House

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4 Standridge of the Senate

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Passed the House of Representatives the 5th day of March, 2018.

Presiding Officer of the House  
of Representatives

Passed the Senate the       day of       , 2018.

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