

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 56th Legislature (2017)

HOUSE BILL 1788

By: Russ

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to children; amending 10 O.S. 2011, Section 401, which relate to child care facilities; clarifying language; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 10 O.S. 2011, Section 401, is amended to read as follows:

Section 401. A. Sections 401 through ~~418~~ 420 of this title shall be known and may be cited as the "Oklahoma Child Care Facilities Licensing Act".

B. It is the declared purpose and policy of the Oklahoma Child Care Facilities Licensing Act, to:

1. Ensure maintenance of minimum standards for the care and protection of children away from their own homes;

2. Encourage and assist the child care facility toward maximum standards; and

3. Work for the development of sufficient and adequate services for child care through joint work of public, private and voluntary

1 agencies. Whenever possible, child care facilities should help to
2 preserve and restore family life for children.

3 C. In order to provide care for children in child care
4 facilities, a license shall be obtained from the Department of Human
5 Services, which is issued on the basis of meeting minimum standards
6 which are essential for the health and welfare of the child or
7 children placed for care with such agencies and individuals.

8 D. The Child Care Facilities Licensing Division within the
9 Department of Human Services shall work with representatives from
10 municipalities to develop a single child care licensure procedure
11 for use by state and local entities.

12 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2017.

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