1	SENATE FLOOR VERSION		
2	February 9, 2023		
3	SENATE BILL NO. 424 By: Pugh		
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5	An Act relating to child care; amending 10 O.S. 2021, Section 404, which relates to minimum requirements		
6	and desirable standards; eliminating certain restriction on notice requirement; updating statutory		
7	language; amending 10 O.S. 2021, Section 404.1, which relates to child care facility license; eliminating		
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11	BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:		
12	SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 10 O.S. 2021, Section 404, is		
13	amended to read as follows:		
14	Section 404. A. 1. The Department of Human Services, in		
15	consultation with the Oklahoma Commission on Children and Youth,		
16	shall appoint advisory committees of representatives of child care		
17	facilities and others to recommend minimum requirements and		
18	desirable standards for promulgation by the Department.		
19	2. Committee members shall be appointed for a three-year term,		
20	with a two-consecutive-term limit. The committees shall include		
21	representation for all categories of facilities licensed by the		
22	Department and shall be comprised as follows:		
23	a. the Residential Children's Services subcommittee shall		
24	include at a minimum:		

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1 (1) a representative of a statewide organization representing children in care arrangements 2 outside their own home, 3 a representative of a statewide organization 4 (2) 5 providing residential services to youth in state custody, 6 a recipient or former recipient of youth services 7 (3) for children in state custody, 8 9 (4) a representative of a statewide organization promoting adoption services, 10 a parent or guardian providing foster care to a 11 (5) child or children in state custody, 12 13 (6) a representative from a nonpublic, long-term residential care facility for children in state 14 15 custody, (7) a representative from an organization promoting 16 the interests of Native American children in 17 state custody, 18 a provider of medical services for children, (8) 19 a practicing behavioral health services provider, 20 (9) (10)a representative from an agency providing child-21 placing services, and 22 23 24

1 (11)other appropriate representatives at the discretion of the Department of Human Services 2 and Oklahoma Commission on Children and Youth, 3 the Child Care Centers subcommittee shall include at a b. 4 5 minimum: a representative of a statewide organization 6 (1) advocating for children in care arrangements 7 outside their own home, 8 9 (2) a representative of a statewide organization conducting programs for school-age children, 10 a parent or guardian with a child attending a 11 (3) licensed child care facility, 12 13 (4) a representative of a licensed child care facility in a rural area, 14 (5) a representative of a statewide organization 15 advocating for licensed child care facilities 16 17 owned or operated by Native Americans, a representative of a licensed child care (6) 18 facility in an urban/suburban area, 19 20 a representative of a statewide organization (7) advocating for programs provided under the Head 21 Start program, 22 23 24

- (8) a representative with knowledge of child care
   programs offered by career technology center in
   this state,
  - (9) a representative of a statewide organization advocating for early childhood education programs,
- 7 (10) a representative of a statewide organization
  8 providing resources and referrals to child care
  9 facilities,
- 10 (11) a provider of medical services for children, and
- (12) other appropriate representatives at the discretion of the Department of Human Services and <u>Oklahoma</u> Commission on Children and Youth,
- 14 c. the Child Care Homes subcommittee shall include at a 15 minimum:
- 16 (1) a representative of a statewide organization
   17 advocating for children in care arrangements
   18 outside their own home,
- a parent or guardian with a child receiving care
   at a licensed child care home,
  - (3) a representative of a licensed child care home in a rural area,
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Department's grievance process. A majority of the Board shall be
 representatives of child care facilities. The <u>Director of the</u>
 Department shall promulgate rules specifying the duties of the Child
 Care Facility Peer Review Board in the grievance process.

5 4. The advisory committee shall designate two people to serve 6 on the Department's Stars Administrative Review Panel. At least one 7 designee shall be the owner or operator of a licensed child care 8 center.

9 B. Child care facilities shall not allow children to be left
10 alone in the care of any person under eighteen (18) years of age
11 without supervision or sixteen (16) years of age with supervision as
12 delineated by the Department's rules promulgated by the Director.
13 Child care centers and family child care homes shall not:

Use soft or loose bedding, including, but not limited to,
 blankets, in sleeping equipment or in sleeping areas used only for
 infants;

17 2. Allow toys or educational devices in sleeping equipment or18 in a sleeping area used only for infants; or

Place a child in sleeping equipment or in a sleeping area
 which has not been previously approved for use as such by the
 Department.

C. The <u>Director of the</u> Department shall promulgate rules
establishing minimum requirements and desirable standards as may be

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deemed necessary or advisable to carry out the provisions of the
 Oklahoma Child Care Facilities Licensing Act.

Such rules shall not be promulgated until after consultation 3 D. with the State Department of Health, the State Department of 4 5 Education, the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation, the State Fire Marshal, the Oklahoma Commission on Children and Youth, the 6 Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services 7 and any other agency deemed necessary by the Department. Not less 8 9 than sixty (60) days' notice, by regular mail, shall be given to all 10 current licensees before any changes are made in such rules.

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

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

20 SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 10 O.S. 2021, Section 404.1, is 21 amended to read as follows: 22 Section 404.1. A. On and after November 1, 2013:

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1	1. Prior	to the issuance of a permit or license, owners and
2	responsible e	ntities making a request to establish or operate a
3	child care fa	cility shall have:
4	a.	an Oklahoma State Courts Network search conducted by
5		the Department,
6	b.	a Restricted Registry search conducted by the
7		facility,
8	с.	a national criminal history records search conducted
9		pursuant to paragraph 10 of this subsection,
10	d.	a criminal history records and sex offender registry
11		search conducted by an authorized source, when the
12		individual has lived outside this state within the
13		last five (5) years,
14	e.	a search of the Department of Corrections' files
15		maintained pursuant to the Sex Offenders Registration
16		Act and conducted by the Department of Human Services,
17	f.	a search of any available child abuse and neglect
18		registry within a state the individual has resided in
19		within the last five (5) years,
20	g.	search of the nontechnical services worker abuse
21		registry maintained by the State Department of Health
22		pursuant to Section 1-1950.7 of Title 63 of the
23		Oklahoma Statutes, and
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h. a search of the community services worker registry
 maintained by the Department of Human Services
 pursuant to Section 1025.3 of Title 56 of the Oklahoma
 Statutes;

2. Prior to the employment of an individual:

- a. an Oklahoma State Courts Network search, conducted by
  the Department, shall be requested and received by the
  facility; provided however, if twenty-four (24) hours
  has passed from the time the request to the Department
  was made, the facility may initiate employment,
  notwithstanding the provisions of this paragraph,
- b. a Restricted Registry search shall be conducted by the
   facility with notification of the search submitted to
   the Department,
- c. a national criminal history records search pursuant to
   paragraph 10 of this subsection shall be submitted,
- d. a criminal history records and sex offender registry
  search conducted by an authorized source, when the
  individual has lived outside this state within the
  last five (5) years, shall be submitted to the
  Department,
  - e. a search of the Department of Corrections' files maintained pursuant to the Sex Offenders Registration

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2		by the facility,
3	f.	a search of any available child abuse and neglect
4		registry within a state the individual has resided in
5		within the last five (5) years,
6	g.	search of the nontechnical services worker abuse
7		registry maintained by the State Department of Health
8		pursuant to Section 1-1950.7 of Title 63 of the
9		Oklahoma Statutes, and
10	h.	a search of the community services worker registry
11		maintained by the Department of Human Services
12		pursuant to Section 1025.3 of Title 56 of the Oklahoma
13		Statutes;
14	3. Prior	to allowing unsupervised access to children by
15	employees or	individuals, including contract employees and
16	volunteers and	d excluding the exceptions in paragraph 8 of this
17	subsection:	
18	a.	Oklahoma State Courts Network search results,
19		conducted by the Department, shall be received by the
20		facility,
21	b.	a <del>Child Care</del> <u>child care</u> Restricted Registry search
22		shall be conducted by the facility with notification
23		of the search submitted to the Department,
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- c. national criminal history records search results
   pursuant to paragraph 10 of this subsection shall be
   received by the facility,
- d. a criminal history records and sex offender registry
  search conducted by an authorized source, when the
  individual has lived outside this state within the
  last five (5) years shall be submitted to the
  Department,
- 9 e. a search of the Department of Corrections' files 10 maintained pursuant to the Sex Offenders Registration 11 Act shall be conducted by the Department and received 12 by the facility,
- f. a search of any available child abuse and neglect
  registry within a state the individual has resided in
  within the last five (5) years,
- 16 g. search of the nontechnical services worker abuse 17 registry maintained by the State Department of Health 18 pursuant to Section 1-1950.7 of Title 63 of the 19 Oklahoma Statutes, and
- h. a search of the community services worker registry
  maintained by the Department of Human Services
  pursuant to Section 1025.3 of Title 56 of the Oklahoma
  Statutes;
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1	4. Prior	to the issuance of a permit or license and prior to
2	the residence	of adults who subsequently move into a facility,
3	adults living	in the facility excluding the exception in paragraph 7
4	of this subsec	ction shall have:
5	а.	an Oklahoma State Courts Network search conducted by
6		the Department and the facility shall be in receipt of
7		the search results,
8	b.	a Restricted Registry search conducted by the facility
9		with notification of the search submitted to the
10		Department,
11	с.	a national criminal history records search conducted
12		pursuant to paragraph 10 of this subsection,
13	d.	a criminal history records and sex offender registry
14		search conducted by an authorized source, when the
15		individual has lived outside this state within the
16		last five (5) years,
17	е.	a search of the Department of Corrections' files
18		maintained pursuant to the Sex Offenders Registration
19		Act conducted by the Department and received by the
20		facility,
21	f.	a search of any available child abuse and neglect
22		registry within a state the individual has resided in
23		within the last five (5) years,
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1	g. search of the nontechnical services worker abuse
2	registry maintained by the State Department of Health
3	pursuant to Section 1-1950.7 of Title 63 of the
4	Oklahoma Statutes, and
5	h. a search of the community services worker registry
6	maintained by the Department of Human Services
7	pursuant to Section 1025.3 of Title 56 of the Oklahoma
8	Statutes;
9	5. Children who reside in the facility and turn eighteen (18)
10	years of age excluding the exception in paragraph 7 of this
11	subsection shall have:
12	a. an Oklahoma State Courts Network search conducted by
13	the Department,
14	b. a Restricted Registry search conducted by the facility
15	with notification of the search submitted to the
16	Department,
17	c. a national criminal history records search conducted
18	pursuant to paragraph 10 of this subsection, and
19	d. a search of the Department of Corrections' files
20	pursuant to the Sex Offenders Registration Act
21	conducted by the Department and received by the
22	facility;
23	6. Prior to review of or access to fingerprint results, owners,
24	responsible entities, directors, and other individuals who have

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1 review of or access to fingerprint results shall have a national 2 criminal history records search pursuant to paragraph 10 of this 3 subsection;

7. Provisions specified in paragraphs 4 and 5 of this
subsection shall not apply to residents who are receiving services
from a residential child care facility;

8. A national criminal history records search pursuant to 7 paragraph 10 of this subsection shall not be required for volunteers 8 9 who transport children on an irregular basis when a release is 10 signed by the parent or legal guardian noting their understanding that the volunteer does not have a completed national criminal 11 12 history records search. The provisions in paragraph 3 of this subsection shall not be required for specialized service 13 professionals who are not employed by the program and have 14 unsupervised access to a child when a release is signed by the 15 parent or legal guardian noting his or her understanding of this 16 exception. These exceptions shall not preclude the Department from 17 requesting a national fingerprint or an Oklahoma State Bureau of 18 Investigation name-based criminal history records search or 19 investigating criminal, abusive, or harmful behavior of such 20 individuals, if warranted; 21

9. A national criminal history records search pursuant to
paragraph 10 of this subsection shall be required on or before
November 1, 2016, for existing owners, responsible entities,

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1 employees, individuals with unsupervised access to children, and 2 adults living in the facility, as of November 1, 2013, unless 3 paragraph 6 of this subsection applies;

4 10. The Department shall require a national criminal history5 records search based upon submission of fingerprints that shall:

a. be conducted by the Oklahoma State Bureau of
Investigation and the Federal Bureau of Investigation
pursuant to Section 150.9 of Title 74 of the Oklahoma
Statutes and the federal National Child Protection Act
and the federal Volunteers for Children Act with the
Department as the authorized agency,

b. be submitted and have results received between the
 Department and the Oklahoma State Bureau of
 Investigation through secure electronic transmissions,

c. include Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation rap
 back <u>Rap Back</u>, requiring the Oklahoma State Bureau of
 Investigation to immediately notify the Department
 upon receipt of subsequent criminal history activity,
 and

d. be paid by the individual or the facility;
11. The Director of the Department, or designee, shall
promulgate rules that may authorize an exception to the
fingerprinting requirements for individuals who have a severe

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1 physical condition which precludes such individuals from being 2 fingerprinted;

3 12. The Director of the Department, or designee, shall
4 promulgate rules that ensure individuals obtain a criminal history
5 records search, not to include the re-submission of fingerprints,
6 not less than once during each five (5) year period;

7 13. Any individual who refuses to consent to the criminal 8 background check or knowingly makes a materially-false statement in 9 connection with such criminal background check shall be ineligible 10 for ownership of, employment of or residence in a child care 11 facility; and

12 14. The Office of Juvenile Affairs shall require national 13 criminal history records searches, as defined by Section 150.9 of 14 Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes, which shall be provided by the 15 Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation for the purpose of obtaining 16 the national criminal history records search, including Rap Back 17 notification of and through direct request by the Office of Juvenile 18 Affairs on behalf of any:

a. operator or responsible entity making a request to
establish or operate a secure detention center,
municipal juvenile facility, community intervention
center or secure facility licensed or certified by the
Office of Juvenile Affairs,

- b. employee or applicant of a secure detention center,
   municipal juvenile facility, community intervention
   center or secure facility licensed or certified by the
   Office of Juvenile Affairs, or
- c. persons allowed unsupervised access to children,
  including contract employees or volunteers, of a
  secure detention center, municipal juvenile facility,
  community intervention center or secure facility
  licensed or certified by the Office of Juvenile
  Affairs.

## B. 1. a. On and after September 1, 1998:

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- (1) any child-placing agency contracting with a
  person for foster family home services or in any
  manner for services for the care and supervision
  of children shall also, prior to executing a
  contract, complete:
- 17 (a) a foster parent eligibility assessment for
  18 the foster care provider except as otherwise
  19 provided by divisions (2) and (4) of this
  20 subparagraph, and
- (b) a national criminal history records search
  based upon submission of fingerprints for
  any adult residing in the foster family home
  through the Department of Human Services

1 pursuant to the provisions of Section 1-7-106 of Title 10A of the Oklahoma Statutes, 2 except as otherwise provided by divisions 3 (2) and (4) of this subparagraph, 4 5 (2) the child-placing agency may place a child pending completion of the national criminal 6 history records search if the foster care 7 provider and every adult residing in the foster 8 9 family home has resided in this state for at least five (5) years immediately preceding such 10 11 placement, (3) a national criminal history records search based 12 13 upon submission of fingerprints to the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation shall also be 14 completed for any adult who subsequently moves 15 into the foster family home, 16 17 (4) provided, however, the Director of Human Services or the Director of the Office of Juvenile 18 Affairs, or a designee, may authorize an 19 exception to the fingerprinting requirement for a 20 person residing in the home who has a severe 21 physical condition which precludes such person's 22 being fingerprinted, and 23

1 (5) any child care facility contracting with any person for foster family home services shall 2 request the Office of Juvenile Affairs to conduct 3 a juvenile justice information system review, 4 pursuant to the provisions of Sections 2-7-905 5 and 2-7-308 of Title 10A of the Oklahoma 6 Statutes, for any child over the age of thirteen 7 (13) years residing in the foster family home, 8 9 other than a foster child, or who subsequently moves into the foster family home. As a 10 condition of contract, the child care facility 11 12 shall obtain the consent of the parent or legal 13 quardian of the child for such review. b. The provisions of this paragraph shall not apply to 14

foster care providers having a contract or contracting 15 with a child-placing agency, the Department of Human 16 Services or the Office of Juvenile Affairs prior to 17 September 1, 1998. Such existing foster care 18 providers shall comply with the provisions of this 19 section, until otherwise provided by rules of the 20 Department promulgated by the Director or by law. 21 On and after September 1, 1998, except as 2. 22 a. (1) otherwise provided in divisions (2) and (4) of 23 this subparagraph, prior to contracting with a 24

foster family home for placement of any child who is in the custody of the Department of Human Services or the Office of Juvenile Affairs, each Department shall complete a foster parent eligibility assessment, pursuant to the provisions of the Oklahoma Child Care Facilities Licensing Act, for such foster family applicant. In addition, except as otherwise provided by divisions (2) and (4) of this subparagraph, the Department shall complete a national criminal history records search based upon submission of fingerprints for any adult residing in such foster family home.

- 14 (2) The Department of Human Services and Office of
  15 Juvenile Affairs may place a child pending
  16 completion of the national criminal history
  17 records search if the foster care provider and
  18 every adult residing in the foster family home
  19 has resided in this state for at least five (5)
  20 years immediately preceding such placement.
  - (3) A national criminal history records search based upon submission of fingerprints conducted by the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation shall also
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be completed for any adult who subsequently moves into the foster family home.

- (4) The Director of Human Services or the Director of the Office of Juvenile Affairs or their designee may authorize an exception to the fingerprinting requirement for any person residing in the home who has a severe physical condition which precludes such person's being fingerprinted.
- 9 b. The provisions of this paragraph shall not apply to foster care providers having a contract or contracting 10 with a child-placing agency, the Department of Human 11 Services or the Office of Juvenile Affairs prior to 12 13 September 1, 1998. Such existing foster care providers shall comply with the provisions of this 14 section, until otherwise provided by rules of the 15 Department promulgated by the Director or by law. 16

3. The Department of Human Services or the Office of Juvenile Affairs shall provide for a juvenile justice information system review pursuant to Section 2-7-308 of Title 10A of the Oklahoma Statutes for any child over the age of thirteen (13) years residing in a foster family home, other than the foster child, or who subsequently moves into the foster family home.

C. The <u>Director of the</u> Department or the Board of Juvenile
 Affairs shall promulgate rules to identify circumstances when a

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criminal history records search or foster parent eligibility assessment for an applicant or contractor, or any person over the age of thirteen (13) years residing in a private residence in which a child care facility is located, shall be expanded beyond the records search conducted by the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation or as otherwise provided pursuant to this section.

D. Except as otherwise provided by the Oklahoma Children's Code
and subsection F of this section, a conviction for a crime shall not
be an absolute bar to employment, but shall be considered in
relation to specific employment duties and responsibilities.

E. 1. Information received pursuant to this section by an owner, administrator, or responsible entity of a child care facility, shall be maintained in a confidential manner pursuant to applicable state and federal laws.

15 2. The information, along with any other information relevant 16 to the ability of the individual to perform tasks that require 17 direct contact with children, may be released to another child care 18 facility in response to a request from the child care facility that 19 is considering employing or contracting with the individual unless 20 deemed confidential by state and federal laws.

3. Requirements for confidentiality and recordkeeping with
 regard to the information shall be the same for the child care
 facility receiving the information in response to a request as those

provided for in paragraph 1 of this subsection for the child care
 facility releasing such information.

Information received by any facility certified by the Office 3 4. of Juvenile Affairs may be released to another facility certified by 4 5 the Office if an individual is being considered for employment or contract, along with any other relevant information, unless the 6 information is deemed confidential by state or federal law. Any 7 information received by the Office shall be maintained in a 8 9 confidential manner pursuant to applicable state and federal law. It shall be unlawful for individuals who are required to 10 F. 1. register pursuant to the Sex Offenders Registration Act to work with 11 12 or provide services to children or to reside in a child care facility and for any employer who offers or provides services to 13 children to knowingly and willfully employ or contract with, or 14 allow continued employment of or contracting with individuals who 15 are required to register pursuant to the Sex Offenders Registration 16 Act. Individuals required to register pursuant to the Sex Offenders 17 Registration Act who violate any provision of Section 401 et seq. of 18 this title shall, upon conviction, be guilty of a felony punishable 19 by incarceration in a correctional facility for a period of not more 20 than five (5) years and a fine  $\frac{1}{2}$  not more than Five Thousand 21 Dollars (\$5,000.00) or both such fine and imprisonment. 22

23 2. It shall be unlawful for an individual who is the24 perpetrator of a substantiated finding by the Department of heinous

SENATE FLOOR VERSION - SB424 SFLR (Bold face denotes Committee Amendments) and shocking abuse by a person responsible for a child's health, safety, or welfare, as those terms are defined in Section 1-1-105 of Title 10A of the Oklahoma Statutes, to work with or provide services to children or to reside in a child care facility and for any employer who offers or provides services to children to knowingly and willfully employ or contract with, or allow continued employment of or contracting with such individual.

8 3. Upon a determination by the Department of any violation of 9 the provisions of this section, the violator shall be subject to and 10 the Department may pursue:

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- an emergency order,

12 b. license revocation or denial,

13 c. injunctive proceedings,

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- 14 d. an administrative penalty not to exceed Ten Thousand
   15 Dollars (\$10,000.00), and
- 16 e. referral for criminal proceedings.

17 4. In addition to the penalties specified by this section, the18 violator may be liable for civil damages.

19 SECTION 3. This act shall become effective November 1, 2023.

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