

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 2nd Session of the 60th Legislature (2026)

3 POLICY COMMITTEE

RECOMMENDATION

4 FOR

HOUSE BILL NO. 3409

By: Stewart

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POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

9 An Act relating to child care; providing that certain
10 child care programs shall be deemed to have met all
11 quality standards required under the Quality Rating
12 and Improvement System; providing that program shall
13 not be subject to additional standards; prohibiting
the Department of Human Services from imposing
certain standards, requirements, and assessments;
authorizing the Department to verify accreditation
status through certain documents; providing for
codification; and providing an effective date.

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

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SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified

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in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 426 of Title 10, unless there is
19 created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

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A. Any child care program licensed by the Department of Human
21 Services and rated as a Five Star program that has been awarded and
22 maintains active national accreditation by a nationally recognized
23 accrediting body approved by the Department shall be deemed to have

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1 met all quality standards required under the Quality Rating and
2 Improvement System (QRIS) except Master Teacher requirements.

3 B. A program described in subsection A of this section shall
4 not be subject to additional quality standards or QRIS evaluation
5 visits beyond those required for licensure, provided the program
6 maintains its accreditation in good standing.

7 C. The Department shall not impose duplicative standards,
8 documentation requirements, assessments, or site visits for purposes
9 of QRIS participation in a nationally accredited program.

10 D. The Department may verify accreditation status through
11 documentation provided by the program that the accrediting body
12 provides to the program.

13 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2026.

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