

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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POLICY COMMITTEE  
RECOMMENDATION

FOR

HOUSE BILL NO. 3409

By: Stewart

POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

An Act relating to child care; providing that certain child care programs shall be deemed to have met all quality standards required under the Quality Rating and Improvement System; providing that program shall 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.

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

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 426 of Title 10, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

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

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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