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AS AMENDED

By: Townley of the House

Gillespie of the Senate

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

Section 405.4. A. Any person with a bachelor's degree or postgraduate degree shall be considered as having met the educational requirements for a director of a full-time child care center required by the Department of Human Services. Nothing in 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. 1. 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

1 an additional year as long as the person is actively pursuing that
2 goal.

3 2. Directors shall have sixty (60) days to appoint a
4 probationary master teacher.

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

11 D. In determining the number of master teachers required based
12 on license capacity and desired Star level, after school care
13 children shall not be counted toward the license capacity.

14 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2025.

15 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
16 April 21, 2025 - DO PASS AS AMENDED
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