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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

August 17, 1978

To amend the Child Development Facilities Regulation (Regulation 74-34), to expand the number of parent members on the Council's Advisory Commission on Child Development Facilities, and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA,

That this act may be cited as the "District of Columbia Child Development Facilities Regulation Amendment Act of 1978".

Sec. 2. The Child Development Facilities Regulation, enacted December 14, 1974 (Regulation 74-34) is amended as follows:

(a) Section 103 of such regulation is amended as follows:

(1) by amending paragraph (2) to read as follows:

"(2) Child, Children: an individual or individuals two (2) years or older but under the age of fifteen (15) years.";

(2) by striking out the comma after "children" in paragraph (3) and inserting in lieu thereof "or infants.";

(3) by striking out the sentence "The total of five (5) children and infants shall include those of the

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caregiver" in paragraph (5) and inserting the following in lieu thereof to read as follows:

"The total of five (5) children and infants shall not include those of the caregiver who are age six (6) years or older: EXCEPT, That the total number of children of the caregiver between the ages of six (6) and fifteen (15) years shall not exceed three (3), and of those three (3) children no more than two (2) shall be age ten (10) years or younger"; and

(4) by redesignating paragraphs (6) through (12) as (7) through (13), respectively and adding a new paragraph (6) to read as follows:

"(6) Child Development Associate Credential:  
a credential obtained under the Child Development Associate Consortium's Credential Award System, as administered by The Child Development Associate Consortium of Washington, D.C., 20005."

(b) section 401(a) of such regulation is amended as follows:

(1) by striking out the phrase "or equivalent training" in clause (v) of subparagraph (A) of paragraph (1) and inserting in lieu thereof the phrase "from an accredited college or university";

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(2) by adding the following new clause at the end of paragraph (1)(A):

"(vi) A minimum of five (5) years experience prior to June 30, 1978 as an assistant director of a licensed child development center in any state or in the District of Columbia in operation before the effective date of this regulation: PROVIDED, That within three (3) years after the effective date of this regulation such assistant director completes nine (9) college credit hours in early childhood education.";

(3) by deleting the "." (period) after the word "field" in clause (i) of subparagraph (A) of paragraph (2) and inserting a comma in lieu thereof and adding the following phrase "with a minimum of fifteen (15) hours in early childhood education courses.";

(4) by striking out the phrase "or a related field" in clause (iii) of subparagraph (A) of paragraph (2), and inserting in lieu thereof the phrase "from an accredited college or university"; and

(5) by adding a new clause (iv) at the end of clause (iii) of subparagraph (A) of paragraph (2) to read as follows:

"(iv) Experience as a teacher or assistant teacher in a licensed child development center provided the teacher or assistant teacher has been awarded a Child Development Associate Credential."

(c) The second sentence of section 401(b) is amended by deleting the "." (period) at the end of the second sentence and adding a comma in lieu thereof, and by adding the following phrase to read as follows: "and during non-peak hours (before 8:30 a.m. and after 4:30 p.m.) an assistant teacher may substitute for a teacher."

(d) Section 401(d) of such regulation is amended as follows:

(1) by striking out paragraph (2) and renumbering the remaining paragraphs accordingly;

(2) by amending the fourth sentence in paragraph (6) to read as follows:

"Each child shall be supplied a clean blanket by the child's family or, when necessary, by the center."

(e) Section 401(e) of such regulation is amended as follows:

(1) by amending paragraph (2) to read as follows:

"(2) According to the program offered, food suitable to the ages of the children shall be provided using varied menus which shall be consistent with the meal patterns for young children specified under the Special Food Service Program for Children, U.S. Department of Agriculture."; and

(2) by adding the following new paragraphs to read as follows:

"(3) All child development centers shall seek nutritional consultation from an appropriate community resource.

"(4) To the extent possible, information provided by parents concerning the child's nutritional needs should be considered in day care feeding schedules and menus.

"(5) To the extent possible, cultural and ethnic foods appropriate to the children and the program and locality shall be part of the meal planning.

"(6) Menus shall be planned and posted, and kept on file for six (6) months so they can be reviewed by District officials as needed."

(f) Section 405(a)(3)(C) of such regulation is amended to read as follows:

"(C) All items that children may touch and all interior surfaces of a building shall be maintained by the operator and/or owner free of lead or its compounds in any quantity of more than one milligram per square centimeter (1mg/cm<sup>2</sup>)."

(g) Section 405(b)(3) of such regulation is amended by inserting after the first sentence the following new sentence to read as follows:

"Urinals may be substituted for flush toilets on a two (2) urinal for one (1) flush toilet basis, but two-thirds (2/3) of the required number of flush toilets must be maintained."

(h) Section 405(c) of such regulation is amended by adding the following new paragraph to read as follows:

"(4) All child development homes and child development centers shall have a fire exit drill plan. The plan shall be submitted to the Fire Chief of the District of Columbia, for review, and receive the approval of the Fire Chief before it is put into operation."

(i) Section 502 of such regulation is amended by striking out the word "nine" and inserting in lieu thereof

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the word "twelve" and by striking out the phrase "Three members of the Commission shall be parents of infants or children enrolled in child development facilities in the District" and inserting the following phrase in lieu thereof:

"Six (6) members of the Commission shall be parents of infants or children enrolled in child development facilities in the District."

Sec. 3. This act shall take effect as provided for acts of the Council of the District of Columbia in section 602(c)(1) of the District of Columbia Self-Government and Governmental Reorganization Act.