

1 ENGROSSED HOUSE
2 BILL NO. 2895

3 By: Townley of the House

4 and

5 Gillespie of the Senate

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7 An Act relating to children; amending 10 O.S. 2021,
8 405.4, which relates to the Oklahoma Child Care
9 Facilities Licensing Act; providing time period to
10 appoint certain teacher; providing that certain
11 children be excluded when determining required number
12 of certain teachers; and providing an effective date.

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

14 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 10 O.S. 2021, Section 405.4, is
15 amended to read as follows:

16 Section 405.4. A. Any person with a bachelor's degree or
17 postgraduate degree shall be considered as having met the
18 educational requirements for a director of a full-time child care
19 center required by the Department of Human Services. Nothing in
20 this section shall be construed as to affect annual continuing
21 education requirements. The director of a child care center may
22 also qualify as a master teacher for children of all ages.

23 B. 1. Any person replacing a master teacher at a child care
24 center shall be granted a one-year probationary period to fulfill
the educational qualifications required by the Department for a

1 master teacher. The Department may extend the probationary period
2 an additional year as long as the person is actively pursuing that
3 goal.

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

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

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

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

16 Passed the House of Representatives the 12th day of March, 2025.

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19 Presiding Officer of the House
20 of Representatives
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22 Passed the Senate the ____ day of _____, 2025.
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