

1 **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3 1st Session of the 60th Legislature (2025)

4 HOUSE BILL 2895

By: Townley of the House

5 and

6 **Gillespie** of the Senate

9 AS INTRODUCED

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

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

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

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

1 B. 1. Any person replacing a master teacher at a child care
2 center shall be granted a one-year probationary period to fulfill
3 the educational qualifications required by the Department for a
4 master teacher. The Department may extend the probationary period
5 an additional year as long as the person is actively pursuing that
6 goal.

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

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

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

18 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2025.
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20 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
OVERSIGHT, dated 02/26/2025 - DO PASS, As Coauthored.
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