

1 ENGROSSED HOUSE
2 BILL NO. 1667

3 By: Cantrell of the House

4 and

5 Stanley of the Senate

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7 [children - purpose - grace period - child care
8 professional - compliance - review period -
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13 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

14 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law not to be
15 codified in the Oklahoma Statutes reads as follows:

16 The purpose of this act is:

17 1. To establish a grace period of fourteen (14) days for the
18 processing and completion of required professional development hours
19 for child care professionals, ensuring that administrative delays do
20 not negatively impact their employment status or certification; and

21 2. To ensure child care professionals have adequate time to
22 procure training in order to remain in compliance with the Child
23 Care Licensing Act and applicable administrative rules.

1 SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified

2 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 405.6 of Title 10, unless there
3 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

4 A. A grace period of fourteen (14) days shall be granted to all
5 child care professionals to submit the required documentation for
6 the completion of their annual professional development training
7 hours as defined in Section 402 of this title.

8 B. During this grace period, the child care professional shall
9 remain in compliance with licensing and employment requirements.

10 C. Employers and regulatory agencies shall not impose
11 penalties, suspensions, or employment terminations solely based on
12 the pending processing of professional development hours during the
13 grace period.

14 SECTION 3. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
15 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 405.7 of Title 10, unless there
16 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

17 The Department of Human Services shall ensure that the review
18 period for early childhood education provider training applications
19 is no greater than fourteen (14) days.

20 SECTION 4. AMENDATORY 10 O.S. 2021, Section 402, is
21 amended to read as follows:

22 Section 402. As used in the Oklahoma Child Care Facilities
23 Licensing Act:

1 1. "Adult" means an individual eighteen (18) years of age or
2 older;

3 2. "Child" or "minor" means any person who has not attained the
4 age of eighteen (18) years;

5 3. "Child care center" means a program that operates thirty
6 (30) or more hours per week;

7 4. "Child care facility" means any public or private child care
8 residential facility, child-placing agency, foster family home,
9 child care center, part-day program, out-of-school time program, day
10 camp, drop-in program, program for sick children, family child care
11 home, or large family child care home providing either full-time or
12 part-time care for children away from their own homes;

13 5. "Child care professional" means any individual employed in a
14 licensed child care facility, including, but not limited to,
15 teachers, aides, and administrators, who are required to complete
16 professional development hours;

17 6. 7. "Child-placing agency" means an agency that arranges for or
18 places a child in a foster family home, adoptive home, or
19 independent living program;

20 6. 7. "Foster family home" means the private residence of a
21 family which provides foster care services to a child, and includes
22 a specialized foster home, a therapeutic foster family home, or a
23 kinship care home;

1 7. 8. "Foster parent eligibility assessment" includes a
2 criminal background investigation, including, but not limited to, a
3 national criminal history records search based upon the submission
4 of fingerprints, a home assessment, and any other assessment
5 required by the Department of Human Services, the Office of Juvenile
6 Affairs, or any child-placing agency pursuant to the provisions of
7 Section 1-7-106 of Title 10A of the Oklahoma Statutes. A foster
8 parent eligibility assessment shall be similar to the procedures
9 used by the Department of Public Safety for determining suitability
10 of an individual for employment as a highway patrol officer;

11 8. 9. "Department" means the Department of Human Services;

12 9. 10. "Division" means the section within the Department that
13 is assigned responsibilities pursuant to the provisions of the
14 Oklahoma Child Care Facilities Licensing Act;

15 10. 11. "Family child care home" means a family home which
16 provides care and supervision for seven or fewer children for part
17 of the twenty-four-hour day. The term "family child care home"
18 shall not include informal arrangements which parents make
19 independently with neighbors, friends, and others, or with
20 caretakers in the child's own home;

21 11. 12. "Full-time care" means continuous care given to a child
22 beyond a minimum period of twenty-four (24) hours;

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1 12. 13. "Large family child care home" means a residential
2 family home which provides care and supervision for eight to twelve
3 children for part of the twenty-four-hour day;

4 13. 14. "Part-day child care program" means a program that
5 provides care and supervision for children and that operates for
6 more than fifteen (15) and up to thirty (30) hours per week;

7 15. "Professional development hours" means the training and
8 educational requirements mandated by state or local regulatory
9 agencies for child care professionals to maintain their
10 certification or licensure;

11 14. 16. "Program" means the business entity that provides care,
12 supervision, and learning opportunities for children;

13 15. 17. "Rap back" means a notification from the Oklahoma State
14 Bureau of Investigation to the Department of subsequent criminal
15 activity of individuals whose criminal background checks have been
16 completed pursuant to the requirements of the Oklahoma Child Care
17 Facilities Licensing Act;

18 18. "Regulatory agency" means any state or local government
19 agency responsible for overseeing child care licensing and
20 certification;

21 16. 19. "Residential child care facility" means a twenty-four-
22 hour residential facility where children live together with or are
23 supervised by adults who are not their parents or relatives;

1 17. 20. "Responsible entity" means an individual who is
2 authorized to obligate the business; and

3 18. 21. "Specialized service professional" means an individual
4 from an academic discipline or field of expertise who provides
5 individualized services to a child, such as behavioral or physical
6 therapists.

7 SECTION 5. This act shall become effective November 1, 2025.

8 Passed the House of Representatives the 17th day of March, 2025.

Presiding Officer of the House
of Representatives

Passed the Senate the day of , 2025.

Presiding Officer of the Senate