



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 695

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AN ACT CONCERNING LICENSURE OF CHILD DAY CARE CENTERS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 19a-80 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

3 (a) No person, group of persons, association, organization,
4 corporation, institution or agency, public or private, shall maintain a
5 child day care center or group day care home without a license issued
6 in accordance with sections 19a-77 to 19a-80, inclusive, and 19a-82 to
7 19a-87, inclusive. Applications for such license shall be made to the
8 Commissioner of Public Health on forms provided by [him] the
9 commissioner and shall contain the information required by
10 regulations adopted under said sections. The forms shall contain a
11 notice that false statements made therein are punishable in accordance
12 with section 53a-157b.

13 (b) Upon receipt of an application for a license, the Commissioner of
14 Public Health shall issue such license if, upon inspection and
15 investigation, [he] the commissioner finds that the applicant, the
16 facilities and the program meet the health, educational and social
17 needs of children likely to attend the child day care center or group
18 day care home and comply with requirements established by
19 regulations adopted under sections 19a-77 to 19a-80, inclusive, and
20 19a-82 to 19a-87, inclusive. Each license except a temporary license

21 shall be for a term of two years, shall be inalienable, may be renewed
22 upon terms and conditions established by regulation and may be
23 suspended or revoked after notice and an opportunity for a hearing as
24 provided in section 19a-84 for violation of the regulations promulgated
25 under sections 19a-77 to 19a-80, inclusive, and 19a-82 to 19a-87,
26 inclusive. The commissioner may issue a temporary license for a term
27 of six months and renewable for another six months, upon such terms
28 and conditions as shall be provided in regulations adopted under said
29 sections. The Commissioner of Public Health shall collect from the
30 licensee of a day care center a fee of two hundred dollars for each
31 license issued or renewed for a term of two years and a fee of fifty
32 dollars for each temporary license issued or renewed for a term of six
33 months. The Commissioner of Public Health shall collect from the
34 licensee of a group day care home a fee of one hundred dollars for each
35 license issued or renewed for a term of two years and a fee of thirty
36 dollars for each temporary license issued or renewed for a term of six
37 months. The Commissioner of Public Health shall require only one
38 license for a child day care center operated in two or more buildings,
39 provided the same licensee provides child day care services in each
40 building and the buildings are joined together by a contiguous
41 playground that is part of the licensed space.

42 (c) The Commissioner of Public Health, within available
43 appropriations, shall require each prospective employee of a child day
44 care center or group day care home in a position requiring the
45 provision of care to a child to submit to state and national criminal
46 history records checks. The criminal history records checks required
47 pursuant to this subsection shall be conducted in accordance with
48 section 29-17a. The commissioner shall also request a check of the state
49 child abuse registry established pursuant to section 17a-101k. Pursuant
50 to the interagency agreement provided for in section 10-16s, the
51 Department of Social Services may agree to transfer funds
52 appropriated for criminal history records checks to the Department of
53 Public Health. The commissioner shall notify each licensee of the
54 provisions of this subsection.

55 (d) The commissioner shall inform each licensee, by way of a plain
56 language summary provided not later than sixty days after the
57 regulation's effective date, of new or changed regulations adopted
58 under sections 19a-77 to 19a-80, inclusive, or sections 19a-82 to 19a-87,
59 inclusive, with which a licensee must comply.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	19a-80

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