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# **ENROLLED HOUSE BILL No. 5869**

AN ACT to amend 1973 PA 116, entitled "An act to provide for the protection of children through the licensing and regulation of child care organizations; to provide for the establishment of standards of care for child care organizations; to prescribe powers and duties of certain departments of this state and adoption facilitators; to provide penalties; and to repeal acts and parts of acts," by amending sections 2, 3, and 10 (MCL 722.112, 722.113, and 722.120), section 2 as amended by 1983 PA 150, section 3 as amended by 1980 PA 232, and section 10 as amended by 1994 PA 205.

*The People of the State of Michigan enact:*

Sec. 2. (1) The department of human services, referred to in this act as the "department", is responsible for the development of rules for the care and protection of children in organizations covered by this act and for the promulgation of these rules pursuant to the administrative procedures act of 1969, 1969 PA 306, MCL 24.201 to 24.328.

(2) The department shall establish an ad hoc committee for each type of child care organization as defined in this act when it is formulating or amending rules under this act. The committee shall consist of not less than 12 members, and shall include representatives of the following groups and agencies:

- (a) Department of community health.
- (b) Department of labor and economic growth, bureau of fire services, and state fire safety board.
- (c) Department of education.
- (d) Representatives of organizations affected by this act.
- (e) Parents of children affected by this act.

(3) A majority of the members appointed to the committee established by subsection (2) shall be representatives of organizations affected by this act and parents of children affected by this act. The committee shall serve during the period of the formulation of rules, shall have responsibility for making recommendations on the content of rules, and shall recommend to the department revisions in proposed rules at any time before their promulgation.

(4) The rules promulgated under this act shall be restricted to the following:

- (a) The operation and conduct of child care organizations and the responsibility the organizations assume for child care.
- (b) The character, suitability, training, and qualifications of applicants and other persons directly responsible for the care and welfare of children served.

(c) The general financial ability and competence of applicants to provide necessary care for children and to maintain prescribed standards.

(d) The number of individuals or staff required to insure adequate supervision and care of the children received.

(e) The appropriateness, safety, cleanliness, and general adequacy of the premises, including maintenance of adequate fire prevention and health standards to provide for the physical comfort, care, and well being of the children received. However, the rules with respect to fire prevention and fire safety shall not apply to a child care center established and operated by an intermediate school board, the board of a local school district, or by the board or governing body of a state approved nonpublic school, if the child care center is located in a school building that is approved by the bureau of fire services created in section 1b of the fire prevention code, 1941 PA 207, MCL 29.1b, or other similar authority as provided in section 3 of 1937 PA 306, MCL 388.853, for school purposes and is in compliance with the school fire safety rules, R 29.1901 to R 29.1934 of the Michigan administrative code, as determined by the bureau of fire services or a fire inspector certified pursuant to section 2b of the fire prevention code, 1941 PA 207, MCL 29.2b.

(f) Provisions for food, clothing, educational opportunities, programs, equipment, and individual supplies to assure the healthy physical, emotional, and mental development of children served.

(g) Provisions to safeguard the legal rights of children served.

(h) Maintenance of records pertaining to admission, progress, health, and discharge of children.

(i) Filing of reports with the department.

(j) Discipline of children.

(k) Transportation safety.

(5) Rules once promulgated are subject to major review by an ad hoc committee not less than once every 5 years and shall be reviewed biennially by the department. The ad hoc committee shall be established by the department, shall consist of not less than 12 members, and shall include representatives of the groups and agencies indicated in subsection (2). The ad hoc committee shall hold at least 2 public hearings regarding the review of rules and shall report its recommendations regarding rules to the appropriate committees of the legislature.

Sec. 3. (1) The rules promulgated by the department under this act shall be used by the department of community health, the bureau of fire services, and local authorities in the inspection of and reporting on child care organizations covered by this act. The inspection of the health and fire safety of child care organizations shall be completed by department staff or by the department of community health, the bureau of fire services, or local authorities upon request of the department, or pursuant to subsection (2).

(2) If an inspection is not conducted pursuant to subsection (1), a person owning or operating or who proposes to own or operate a child care organization may enter a contract with a local authority or other person qualified to conduct an inspection pursuant to subsection (1) and pay for that inspection after an inspection is completed pursuant to this subsection. A person may receive a provisional license if the proposed child care organization passes the inspection, and the other requirements of this act are met.

(3) The rules promulgated by the department for foster family homes and foster family group homes shall be used by a licensed child placing agency or an approved governmental unit when investigating and certifying a foster family home or a foster family group home.

(4) Inspection reports completed by state agencies, local authorities, and child placing agencies shall be furnished to the department and shall become a part of its evaluation for licensing of organizations covered by this act. After careful consideration of the reports and consultation where necessary, the department shall assume responsibility for the final determination of the issuance, denial, revocation, or provisional nature of licenses issued to nongovernmental organizations. A report of findings shall be furnished to the licensee. A license shall be issued to a specific person or organization at a specific location, shall be nontransferable, and shall remain the property of the department.

Sec. 10. (1) The department may investigate and examine conditions of a child care organization in which a licensee receives, maintains, or places out children, and may investigate and examine the books and records of the licensee. The licensee shall admit members of the department and furnish all reasonable facilities for thorough examination of its books, records, and reports. The department of community health, the bureau of fire services, or local authorities, in carrying out the provisions of this act, may visit a child care organization to advise in matters affecting the health or fire protection of children.

(2) A licensee shall keep the records the department prescribes regarding each child in its control and care and shall report to the department, when requested, the facts the department requires with reference to the children upon forms furnished by the department. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, records regarding children and facts compiled about children and their parents and relatives are confidential and disclosure of this information shall be properly safeguarded by the child care organization, the department, and any other entity in possession of the information. Records that are confidential under this section are available to both of the following:

(a) A standing or select committee or appropriations subcommittee of either house of the legislature having jurisdiction over protective services matters for children, pursuant to section 7 of the child protection law, 1975 PA 238, MCL 722.627.

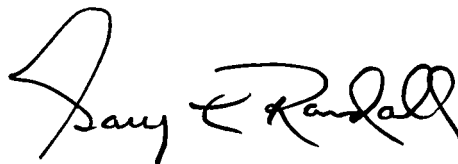
(b) The children's ombudsman established in section 3 of the children's ombudsman act, 1994 PA 204, MCL 722.923.

Enacting section 1. This amendatory act does not take effect unless all of the following bills of the 93rd Legislature are enacted into law:

(a) Senate Bill No. 1133.

(b) House Bill No. 5860.

This act is ordered to take immediate effect.



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Clerk of the House of Representatives



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Secretary of the Senate

Approved \_\_\_\_\_

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Governor