

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

ENGROSSED SECOND SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1776

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CHILD CARE CENTERS--PUBLIC OR PRIVATE SCHOOL BUILDINGS

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FRANK CHOPP

Speaker of the House of Representatives

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BRAD OWEN

President of the Senate

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CHRISTINE GREGOIRE

Governor of the State of Washington

CERTIFICATE

I, Barbara Baker, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **ENGROSSED SECOND SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1776** as passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate on the dates hereon set forth.

BARBARA BAKER

Chief Clerk

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**Secretary of State
State of Washington**

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AS AMENDED BY THE SENATE

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By House Education Appropriations Oversight (originally sponsored by Representatives Frockt, Eddy, Dickerson, Carlyle, Maxwell, Fitzgibbon, Roberts, Pedersen, Hudgins, Ryu, Kenney, and Stanford)

READ FIRST TIME 02/24/11.

1 AN ACT Relating to licensing requirements for child care centers
2 located in publicly owned buildings; amending RCW 43.215.200; and
3 creating a new section.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1) The legislature finds that some licensed
6 child care centers seeking to operate in public schools incur
7 substantial costs to renovate spaces that are considered safe for
8 children to use for the purpose of education. Consequently, families
9 are forced to seek before or after school child care outside of the
10 school building, resulting in additional transitions for students.

11 (2) It is the legislature's intent to allow licensed child care
12 centers that serve school-age children to operate in facilities that
13 provide a safe and healthy environment for children to use for the
14 purpose of education. With respect to section 2(2) of this act, the
15 legislature intends that the development of any related child care
16 licensing requirements shall:

- 17 (a) Ensure safe and healthy environments for children;
18 (b) Utilize existing rule-making processes and resources;

1 (c) Utilize existing requirements as a starting point rather than
2 create an entirely new set of requirements; and

3 (d) Give due consideration to the burdens imposed by inconsistent
4 licensing requirements.

5 **Sec. 2.** RCW 43.215.200 and 2007 c 415 s 3 are each amended to read
6 as follows:

7 It shall be the director's duty with regard to licensing:

8 (1) In consultation and with the advice and assistance of persons
9 representative of the various type agencies to be licensed, to
10 designate categories of child care facilities for which separate or
11 different requirements shall be developed as may be appropriate whether
12 because of variations in the ages and other characteristics of the
13 children served, variations in the purposes and services offered or
14 size or structure of the agencies to be licensed, or because of any
15 other factor relevant thereto;

16 (2) In consultation with the state fire marshal's office, the
17 director shall use an interagency process to address health and safety
18 requirements for child care programs that serve school-age children and
19 are operated in buildings that contain public or private schools that
20 safely serve children during times in which school is in session;

21 (3) In consultation and with the advice and assistance of parents
22 or guardians, and persons representative of the various type agencies
23 to be licensed, to adopt and publish minimum requirements for licensing
24 applicable to each of the various categories of agencies to be licensed
25 under this chapter;

26 ((+3)) (4) In consultation with law enforcement personnel, the
27 director shall investigate the conviction record or pending charges of
28 each agency and its staff seeking licensure or relicensure, and other
29 persons having unsupervised access to children in care;

30 ((+4)) (5) To issue, revoke, or deny licenses to agencies pursuant
31 to this chapter. Licenses shall specify the category of care that an
32 agency is authorized to render and the ages and number of children to
33 be served;

34 ((+5)) (6) To prescribe the procedures and the form and contents
35 of reports necessary for the administration of this chapter and to
36 require regular reports from each licensee;

1 (~~(6)~~) (7) To inspect agencies periodically to determine whether
2 or not there is compliance with this chapter and the requirements
3 adopted under this chapter;

4 (~~(7)~~) (8) To review requirements adopted under this chapter at
5 least every two years and to adopt appropriate changes after
6 consultation with affected groups for child day care requirements; and

7 (~~(8)~~) (9) To consult with public and private agencies in order to
8 help them improve their methods and facilities for the care and early
9 learning of children.

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