

By Senator Lee

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A bill to be entitled  
An act relating to child care facilities;  
amending s. 402.305, F.S.; requiring the  
Department of Children and Family Services, in  
conjunction with the Department of Health, to  
develop standards for child care facilities  
that serve mildly ill children; providing  
guidelines for the standards; providing an  
effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Subsection (19) is added to section  
402.305, Florida Statutes, 1998 Supplement, to read:  
402.305 Licensing standards; child care facilities.--  
(19) MILDLY ILL CHILDREN, CHILD CARE FACILITIES.--The  
Department of Children and Family Services, in conjunction  
with the Department of Health, shall develop minimum standards  
for child care facilities that exclusively serve children who  
are mildly ill. The minimum standards must address personnel  
requirements; staff-to-child ratios; staff training and  
credentialing; health and safety; physical facility  
specifications, including, but not limited to, square footage  
requirements; client eligibility, including, but not limited  
to, a definition of the term "mildly ill children"; sanitation  
and safety; admission and recordkeeping procedures; dispensing  
of medication; and a schedule of activities.

Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 1999.

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SENATE SUMMARY

Requires the Department of Children and Family Services, in conjunction with the Department of Health, to develop standards for child care facilities that exclusively serve children who are mildly ill. Provides guidelines for the standards. Allows the department to define the term "mildly ill children."