

Amendment No.

CHAMBER ACTION

Senate

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1 Representative(s) Evers offered the following:

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3 **Amendment (with title amendment)**

4 Between lines 27 and 28, insert:

5 Section 2. Subsection (4) of section 402.313, Florida  
6 Statutes, is amended to read:

7 402.313 Family day care homes.--

8 (4) Operators of family day care homes must successfully  
9 complete an approved 30-clock-hour introductory course in child  
10 care, as evidenced by passage of a competency examination,  
11 before caring for children. The department may grant the  
12 operator of a family day care home an exemption from all or part  
13 of the training required under this subsection in the same  
14 manner that child care personnel are granted an exemption from  
15 required training under s. 402.305(2)(d)1.

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16 Section 3. Subsection (3) of section 402.3131, Florida  
17 Statutes, is amended to read:

18 402.3131 Large family child care homes.--

19 (3) Operators of large family child care homes must  
20 successfully complete an approved 40-clock-hour introductory  
21 course in group child care, as evidenced by passage of a  
22 competency examination. Successful completion of the 40-clock-  
23 hour introductory course shall articulate into community college  
24 credit in early childhood education, pursuant to ss. 1007.24 and  
25 1007.25. The department may grant the operator of a large family  
26 child care home an exemption from all or part of the training  
27 required under this subsection in the same manner that child  
28 care personnel are granted an exemption from required training  
29 under s. 402.305(2)(d)1.

30 Section 4. Paragraph (d) of subsection (3) of section  
31 1002.55, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

32 1002.55 School-year prekindergarten program delivered by  
33 private prekindergarten providers.--

34 (3) To be eligible to deliver the prekindergarten program,  
35 a private prekindergarten provider must meet each of the  
36 following requirements:

37 (d) Each prekindergarten instructor employed by the  
38 private prekindergarten provider shall be subject to level 2  
39 background screening requirements in chapter 435 and must be  
40 rescreened every 5 years. The 5-year rescreening shall not  
41 require refingerprinting unless the instructor has experienced a  
42 break in covered employment of more than 90 days.

43 ~~Prekindergarten instructors must be of good moral character,~~  
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44 ~~must be screened using the level 2 screening standards in s.~~  
45 ~~435.04 before employment and rescreened at least once every 5~~  
46 ~~years, must be denied employment or terminated if required under~~  
47 ~~s. 435.06, and must not be ineligible to teach in a public~~  
48 ~~school because his or her educator certificate is suspended or~~  
49 ~~revoked.~~

50 Section 5. Subsection (5) is added to section 1002.57,  
51 Florida Statutes, to read:

52 1002.57 Prekindergarten director credential.--

53 (5) The department may authorize the Department of  
54 Children and Family Services to issue a prekindergarten director  
55 credential under this section.

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57 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

58 Remove line 5 and insert:

59 in the Gold Seal Quality Care Program; amending ss. 402.313 and  
60 402.3131, F.S.; providing an exemption from certain introductory  
61 training for operators of family day care homes and large family  
62 child care homes based on educational credentials or passage of  
63 competency examinations; amending s. 1002.55, F.S.; revising  
64 eligibility requirements for prekindergarten instructors  
65 employed by private prekindergarten providers; amending s.  
66 1002.57, F.S.; providing for the Department of Education to  
67 authorize the Department of Children and Family Services to  
68 issue a prekindergarten director credential; providing an  
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