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CHAMBER ACTION

Senate

House

1 Representative(s) Evers offered the following:

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3 **Substitute Amendment for Amendment (149477) (with directory**
4 **and title amendments)**

5 Between lines 27 and 28, insert:

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

8 402.313 Family day care homes.--

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

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16 required training based on educational credentials or passage of
17 the competency examination under s. 402.305(2)(d)1.

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

20 402.3131 Large family child care homes.--

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

33 Section 4. Paragraph (d) of subsection (3) of section
34 1002.55, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

35 1002.55 School-year prekindergarten program delivered by
36 private prekindergarten providers.--

37 (3) To be eligible to deliver the prekindergarten program,
38 a private prekindergarten provider must meet each of the
39 following requirements:

40 (d) Each prekindergarten instructor employed by the
41 private prekindergarten provider shall be subject to level 2
42 background screening requirements in chapter 435 and must be
43 rescreened every 5 years. The 5-year rescreening shall not

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44 require refingerprinting unless the instructor has experienced a
45 break in covered employment of more than 90 days.

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

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

55 1002.57 Prekindergarten director credential.--

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

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

61 Remove line 5 and insert:

62 in the Gold Seal Quality Care Program; amending ss. 402.313 and
63 402.3131, F.S.; providing an exemption from certain introductory
64 training for operators of family day care homes and large family
65 child care homes based on educational credentials or passage of
66 competency examinations; amending s. 1002.55, F.S.; revising
67 eligibility requirements for prekindergarten instructors
68 employed by private prekindergarten providers; amending s.
69 1002.57, F.S.; providing for the Department of Education to
70 authorize the Department of Children and Family Services to
71 issue a prekindergarten director credential; providing an

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