

CS/HB 1543

2007

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to public child care; amending s. 402.301,
3 F.S.; providing legislative intent that children meeting
4 certain requirements be given first priority for placement
5 in the Gold Seal Quality Care Program; providing an
6 effective date.

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

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10 Section 1. Subsection (8) is added to section 402.301,
11 Florida Statutes, to read:

12 402.301 Child care facilities; legislative intent and
13 declaration of purpose and policy.--It is the legislative intent
14 to protect the health, safety, and well-being of the children of
15 the state and to promote their emotional and intellectual
16 development and care. Toward that end:

17 (8) It is the intent of the Legislature that a public
18 child care center designated as a Gold Seal Quality Care
19 facility under s. 402.281 allow children who have not attained
20 the age of eligibility for kindergarten and who are under the
21 jurisdiction of a circuit court of this state due to a
22 documented case of child abuse, abandonment, or neglect to
23 receive first priority for placement. To the extent that this
24 subsection creates a conflict with a priority placement pursuant
25 to s. 411.01(6), a child who is at least 3 years of age but who
26 has not yet attained the age of eligibility for kindergarten
27 shall have first priority for placement.

28 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2007.