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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Senate	.	House
Comm: RCS	.	
04/07/2010	.	
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The Committee on Children, Families, and Elder Affairs (Wise) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment (with directory and title amendments)

Delete lines 278 - 288
and insert:

(1) Child care facilities, large family child care homes, or family day care homes that are accredited by a nationally recognized accrediting association whose standards substantially meet or exceed the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC), the National Association of Family Child Care, or and the National Early Childhood Program Accreditation Commission, as applicable, may apply to the department to shall receive a separate "Gold Seal Quality Care" designation ~~to~~



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13 ~~operate as a gold seal child care facility, large family child~~
14 ~~care home, or family day care home.~~

15 (2) In developing the Gold Seal Quality Care program
16 standards, the department shall use the current standards of
17 each accrediting association, as applicable, specified in
18 subsection (1) and consult with the Department of Education, the
19 Agency for Workforce Innovation, the Florida Head Start
20 Directors Association, the Florida Association of Child Care
21 Management, the Florida Family Day Care Association, the Florida
22 Children's Forum, ~~the State Coordinating Council for School~~
23 ~~Readiness Programs,~~ the Early Childhood Association of Florida,
24 the ~~National Association for~~ Child Development Education
25 Alliance, providers receiving exemptions under s. 402.316, and
26 parents, for the purpose of approving the accrediting
27 associations.

28 (a) Upon the adoption of additional or revised standards by
29 any accrediting association specified in subsection (1), the
30 department shall notify each accrediting association that has
31 been approved to participate in the Gold Seal Quality Care
32 program of the applicable changes and of the department's intent
33 to revise the Gold Seal Quality Care program standards
34 accordingly.

35 (b) Each accrediting association must notify the department
36 within 30 days after receiving notification of approval provided
37 pursuant to paragraph (a) of the accrediting association's
38 intent to revise its accreditation standards or discontinue
39 participation in the Gold Seal Quality Care program.

40 1. Upon notification by an accrediting association that it
41 intends to discontinue participation in the Gold Seal Quality



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42 Care program, the department shall notify any participating
43 child care provider accredited by that association that the
44 provider must obtain accreditation from another Gold Seal
45 accrediting association by the time the provider's current
46 accreditation expires in order to maintain designation as a Gold
47 Seal Quality Care provider.

48 2. An accrediting association that intends to revise its
49 accreditation standards must do so within 90 days after the
50 notification provided pursuant to paragraph (a) and must ensure
51 that each provider accredited by that association is in
52 compliance with the revised accreditation standards upon the
53 provider's renewal of accreditation.

54 (4) The Department of Children and Family Services shall
55 adopt rules pursuant to ~~under~~ ss. 120.536(1) and 120.54 which
56 provide criteria and procedures for reviewing and approving
57 accrediting associations for participation in the Gold Seal
58 Quality Care program, conferring and revoking designations of
59 Gold Seal Quality Care providers, and classifying violations.

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61 ===== D I R E C T O R Y C L A U S E A M E N D M E N T =====

62 And the directory clause is amended as follows:

63 Delete lines 275 - 276

64 and insert:

65 Section 7. Subsections (1), (2), and (4) of section
66 402.281, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

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

69 And the title is amended as follows:

70 Delete lines 24 - 28



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71 and insert:
72 providing that child care facilities, large family
73 child care homes, or family day care homes may apply
74 to the Department of Children and Family Services to
75 receive a Gold Seal Quality Care designation; updating
76 an obsolete reference to a former council; requiring
77 that the department consult with the Agency for
78 Workforce Innovation regarding the approval of
79 accrediting associations for the Gold Seal Quality
80 Program; requiring that the department provide to
81 accrediting associations notice of approval to
82 participate in the program; requiring that each
83 accrediting association provide notice to the
84 department of its intent to revise its accreditation
85 standards or discontinue participation in the program;