

By Senator Smith

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1                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to child care; amending s. 402.305,  
3           F.S.; revising the minimum standards for licensure of  
4           child care facilities; requiring the Department of  
5           Children and Family Services to establish and contract  
6           for an electronic child care attendance verification  
7           system; providing for statewide implementation of the  
8           system; requiring licensed child care facilities to  
9           use the system; providing an effective date.

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

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13           Section 1. Paragraph (e) is added to subsection (9) of  
14           section 402.305, Florida Statutes, to read:

15           402.305 Licensing standards; child care facilities.—

16           (9) ADMISSIONS AND RECORDKEEPING.—

17           (e) The department shall adopt minimum standards for the  
18           statewide implementation of an electronic child care attendance  
19           verification system that records each child's daily arrival and  
20           departure from the child care facility using a point-of-sale  
21           terminal and an identification card issued to the child's parent  
22           or guardian with identifying information encoded on the card's  
23           magnetic strip or stripe. If a parent or guardian fails to  
24           present his or her identification card, the electronic system  
25           must allow for the child's attendance to be recorded or allow  
26           the parent or guardian to amend the child's attendance record  
27           within 10 days after his or her failure to present the  
28           identification card. The department shall contract for the  
29           statewide implementation of the electronic child care attendance

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30 verification system. Effective January 1, 2012, or upon the  
31 statewide implementation, whichever occurs later, a licensed  
32 child care facility's use of the electronic system shall be a  
33 required minimum standard for licensing.

34 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2011.