

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to the registration of residential
 3 child-caring agencies and family foster homes;
 4 amending s. 409.176, F.S.; removing obsolete language;
 5 making technical changes; providing an effective date.

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 7 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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9 Section 1. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) and paragraph
 10 (b) of subsection (5) of section 409.176, Florida Statutes, are
 11 amended to read:

12 409.176 Registration of residential child-caring agencies
 13 and family foster homes.—

14 (1)(a) A residential child-caring agency or family foster
 15 home may not receive a child for continuing full-time care or
 16 custody, and a residential child-caring agency may not place a
 17 child for full-time continuing care or custody in a family
 18 foster home, unless it has first registered with an association
 19 that is certified by a Florida statewide child care organization
 20 which ~~was in existence on January 1, 1984, and which publishes,~~
 21 and requires compliance with, ~~its standards and files copies~~
 22 thereof with the department as provided in paragraph (5)(b). For
 23 purposes of this section, such an association shall be referred
 24 to as the "qualified association."

25 (5) The licensing provisions of s. 409.175 do not apply to

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26 | a facility operated by an organization that:

27 | (b) Is certified by a Florida statewide child care
28 | organization which ~~was in existence on January 1, 1984, and~~
29 | ~~which~~ publishes, and requires compliance with, its standards and
30 | files copies thereof with the department. Such standards shall
31 | be in substantial compliance with published minimum standards
32 | that similar licensed child-caring agencies or family foster
33 | homes are required to meet, as determined by the department,
34 | with the exception of those standards of a curricular or
35 | religious nature and those relating to staffing or financial
36 | stability. Once the department has determined that the standards
37 | for child-caring agencies or family foster homes are in
38 | substantial compliance with minimum standards that similar
39 | facilities are required to meet, the standards do not have to be
40 | resubmitted to the department unless a change occurs in the
41 | standards. Any changes in the standards shall be provided to the
42 | department within 10 days after ~~of~~ their adoption.

43 | Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2023.