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CHAMBER ACTION

Senate

House

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1 Representative Valdés offered the following:

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3 **Amendment (with title amendment)**

4 Between lines 33 and 34, insert:

5 Section 1. Paragraph (e) of subsection (2) of section
6 402.305, Florida Statutes, is amended, and subsection (19) is
7 added to that section, to read:

8 402.305 Licensing standards; child care facilities.-

9 (2) PERSONNEL.-Minimum standards for child care personnel
10 shall include minimum requirements as to:

11 (e) Minimum training requirements for child care
12 personnel.

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13 1. Such minimum standards for training shall ensure that
14 all child care personnel take an approved 40-clock-hour
15 introductory course in child care, which course covers at least
16 the following topic areas:

17 a. State and local rules and regulations which govern
18 child care.

19 b. Health, safety, and nutrition.

20 c. Identifying and reporting child abuse and neglect.

21 d. Child development, including typical and atypical
22 language, cognitive, motor, social, and self-help skills
23 development.

24 e. Observation of developmental behaviors, including using
25 a checklist or other similar observation tools and techniques to
26 determine the child's developmental age level.

27 f. Specialized areas, including computer technology for
28 professional and classroom use and early literacy and language
29 development of children from birth to 5 years of age, as
30 determined by the department, for owner-operators and child care
31 personnel of a child care facility.

32 g. Developmental disabilities, including autism spectrum
33 disorder and Down syndrome, and early identification, use of
34 available state and local resources, classroom integration, and
35 positive behavioral supports for children with developmental
36 disabilities.

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38 Within 90 days after employment, child care personnel shall
39 begin training to meet the training requirements. Child care
40 personnel shall successfully complete such training within 1
41 year after the date on which the training began, as evidenced by
42 passage of a competency examination. Successful completion of
43 the 40-clock-hour introductory course shall articulate into
44 community college credit in early childhood education, pursuant
45 to ss. 1007.24 and 1007.25. Exemption from all or a portion of
46 the required training shall be granted to child care personnel
47 based upon educational credentials or passage of competency
48 examinations. Child care personnel possessing a 2-year degree or
49 higher that includes 6 college credit hours in early childhood
50 development or child growth and development, or a child
51 development associate credential or an equivalent state-approved
52 child development associate credential, or a child development
53 associate waiver certificate shall be automatically exempted
54 from the training requirements in sub-subparagraphs b., d., and
55 e.

56 2. The introductory course in child care shall stress, to
57 the extent possible, an interdisciplinary approach to the study
58 of children.

59 3. The introductory course shall cover recognition and
60 prevention of shaken baby syndrome; prevention of sudden infant
61 death syndrome; recognition and care of infants and toddlers
62 with developmental disabilities, including autism spectrum

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63 disorder and Down syndrome; and early childhood brain
64 development within the topic areas identified in this paragraph.

65 4. On an annual basis in order to further their child care
66 skills and, if appropriate, administrative skills, child care
67 personnel who have fulfilled the requirements for the child care
68 training shall be required to take an additional 1 continuing
69 education unit of approved inservice training, or 10 clock hours
70 of equivalent training, as determined by the department.

71 5. Child care personnel shall be required to complete 0.5
72 continuing education unit of approved training or 5 clock hours
73 of equivalent training, as determined by the department, in
74 early literacy and language development of children from birth
75 to 5 years of age one time. The year that this training is
76 completed, it shall fulfill the 0.5 continuing education unit or
77 5 clock hours of the annual training required in subparagraph 4.

78 6. Procedures for ensuring the training of qualified child
79 care professionals to provide training of child care personnel,
80 including onsite training, shall be included in the minimum
81 standards. It is recommended that the state community child care
82 coordination agencies (central agencies) be contracted by the
83 department to coordinate such training when possible. Other
84 district educational resources, such as community colleges and
85 career programs, can be designated in such areas where central
86 agencies may not exist or are determined not to have the

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87 capability to meet the coordination requirements set forth by
88 the department.

89 7. Training requirements shall not apply to certain
90 occasional or part-time support staff, including, but not
91 limited to, swimming instructors, piano teachers, dance
92 instructors, and gymnastics instructors.

93 ~~8. The department shall evaluate or contract for an~~
94 ~~evaluation for the general purpose of determining the status of~~
95 ~~and means to improve staff training requirements and testing~~
96 ~~procedures. The evaluation shall be conducted every 2 years. The~~
97 ~~evaluation shall include, but not be limited to, determining the~~
98 ~~availability, quality, scope, and sources of current staff~~
99 ~~training; determining the need for specialty training; and~~
100 ~~determining ways to increase inservice training and ways to~~
101 ~~increase the accessibility, quality, and cost-effectiveness of~~
102 ~~current and proposed staff training. The evaluation methodology~~
103 ~~shall include a reliable and valid survey of child care~~
104 ~~personnel.~~

105 ~~8.9.~~ The child care operator shall be required to take
106 basic training in serving children with disabilities within 5
107 years after employment, either as a part of the introductory
108 training or the annual 8 hours of inservice training.

109 (19) REPORT.—By December 31, 2024, and every 5 years
110 thereafter, the department shall submit a report to the

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111 Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the
112 House of Representatives.

113 (a) The report must include, at a minimum, information
114 concerning:

115 1. Training requirements and coursework offered by the
116 department to child care personnel. The report must include the
117 results of a reliable and valid survey of child care personnel
118 regarding such training and coursework. Such results must be
119 used to make recommendations regarding:

120 a. The availability, quality, relevance, scope, cost
121 effectiveness, and sources of current and prospective training.

122 b. The need for specialty training.

123 c. Approaches to increase inservice training.

124 2. Licensing and regulation of child care facilities. The
125 report shall identify and make recommendations regarding:

126 a. The elimination of unnecessary, vague, or redundant
127 rules.

128 b. Streamlined standards used to classify violations.

129 c. The application of rules in a manner to eliminate
130 subjectivity by licensing staff.

131 d. Methods to simplify inspections.

132 e. The elimination of duplicative and unnecessary
133 inspections.

134 (b) The department shall adopt rules and revise policies
135 based on the recommendations in the report.

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136 (c) The department may contract for the production of the
137 report required under this subsection.

138 Section 2. Paragraph (q) of subsection (2) of section
139 1002.82, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

140 1002.82 Department of Education; powers and duties.—

141 (2) The department shall:

142 (q) Establish a single statewide information system that
143 each coalition must use for the purposes of managing the single
144 point of entry, tracking children's progress, coordinating
145 services among stakeholders, determining eligibility of
146 children, tracking child attendance, and streamlining
147 administrative processes for providers and early learning
148 coalitions. By July 1, 2019, the system, subject to ss. 1002.72
149 and 1002.97, shall:

150 1. Allow a parent to find early learning programs online,
151 including the performance profile under s. 1002.92(3)(a) which
152 must be integrated into the online portal under s. 1001.10(10).

153 ~~2.1.~~ Allow a parent to monitor the development of his or
154 her child as the child moves among programs within the state.

155 ~~3.2.~~ Enable analysis at the state, regional, and local
156 level to measure child growth over time, program impact, and
157 quality improvement and investment decisions.

158 Section 3. Paragraph (b) of subsection (4) of section
159 1002.945, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

160 1002.945 Gold Seal Quality Care Program.—

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161 (4) In order to obtain and maintain a designation as a
162 Gold Seal Quality Care provider, a child care facility, large
163 family child care home, or family day care home must meet the
164 following additional criteria:

165 (b) The child care provider must not have had three or
166 more of the same class II violations, as defined by rule of the
167 Department of Children and Families, within the 2 years
168 preceding its application for designation as a Gold Seal Quality
169 Care provider. Commission of three or more of the same class II
170 violations within a 2-year period shall be grounds for
171 termination of the designation as a Gold Seal Quality Care
172 provider until the provider has no class II violations that are
173 the same for a period of 1 year.

177 **T I T L E A M E N D M E N T**

178 Remove line 2 and insert:

179 An act relating to education; amending s. 402.305,
180 F.S.; deleting a requirement that the Department of
181 Children and Families evaluate certain training
182 requirements and testing procedures; requiring the
183 department to submit a report to specified parties on
184 a periodic schedule beginning on a specified date;
185 providing requirements for such report; requiring the

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186 department to adopt rules and revise policies based on
187 such report; authorizing the department to contract
188 for the production of such report; amending s.
189 1002.82, F.S.; revising requirements for the statewide
190 information system; amending s. 1002.945, F.S.;
191 revising requirements for certain child care providers
192 to obtain and maintain a designation as a Gold Seal
193 Quality Care provider; amending s. 1002.33,

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