



26 facility must ~~facilities shall~~ meet minimum requirements of the  
 27 applicable local governing body as to health, sanitation, and  
 28 safety; or

29 (b) Is licensed or certified as a child care facility by a  
 30 branch of the United States Department of Defense or the United  
 31 States Coast Guard.

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 33 To qualify for an exemption under this subsection, a facility  
 34 must, at a minimum, comply with ~~and shall meet~~ the screening  
 35 requirements under ~~pursuant to~~ ss. 402.305 and 402.3055, or with  
 36 equivalent or more stringent screening requirements. ~~Failure by~~  
 37 A facility loses its exemption from licensure if the facility  
 38 fails to comply with such screening requirements ~~shall result in~~  
 39 ~~the loss of the facility's exemption from licensure.~~

40 Section 2. Paragraph (a) of subsection (3) of section  
 41 1002.55, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

42 1002.55 School-year prekindergarten program delivered by  
 43 private prekindergarten providers.—

44 (3) To be eligible to deliver the prekindergarten program,  
 45 a private prekindergarten provider must meet each of the  
 46 following requirements:

47 (a) The private prekindergarten provider must be a child  
 48 care facility licensed under s. 402.305, family day care home  
 49 licensed under s. 402.313, large family child care home licensed  
 50 under s. 402.3131, nonpublic school exempt from licensure under

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51 | s. 402.3025(2), ~~faith-based~~ child care provider exempt from  
52 | licensure under s. 402.316, child development program that is  
53 | accredited by a national accrediting body and operates on a  
54 | military installation that is certified by the United States  
55 | Department of Defense, or private prekindergarten provider that  
56 | has been issued a provisional license under s. 402.309. A  
57 | private prekindergarten provider may not deliver the program  
58 | while holding a probation-status license under s. 402.310.

59 | Section 3. Paragraph (i) of subsection (2) of section  
60 | 1002.82, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

61 | 1002.82 Department of Education; powers and duties.—

62 | (2) The department shall:

63 | (i) Enter into a memorandum of understanding with local  
64 | licensing agencies and the Child Care Services Program Office of  
65 | the Department of Children and Families for inspections of  
66 | school readiness program providers to monitor and verify  
67 | compliance with s. 1002.88 and the health and safety checklist  
68 | adopted by the department. The provider contract of a school  
69 | readiness program provider that refuses permission for entry or  
70 | inspection shall be terminated. The health and safety checklist  
71 | may not exceed the requirements of s. 402.305 and the Child Care  
72 | and Development Fund pursuant to 45 C.F.R. part 98. A child care  
73 | provider exempt from licensure under s. 402.316(1)(b) or a child  
74 | development program that is accredited by a national accrediting  
75 | body and operates on a military installation that is certified

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76 | by the United States Department of Defense are ~~is~~ exempted from  
77 | the inspection requirements under s. 1002.88.

78 | Section 4. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section  
79 | 1002.88, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

80 | 1002.88 School readiness program provider standards;  
81 | eligibility to deliver the school readiness program.—

82 | (1) To be eligible to deliver the school readiness  
83 | program, a school readiness program provider must:

84 | (a) Be a child care facility licensed under s. 402.305, a  
85 | family day care home licensed or registered under s. 402.313, a  
86 | large family child care home licensed under s. 402.3131, a  
87 | public school or nonpublic school exempt from licensure under s.  
88 | 402.3025, a ~~faith-based~~ child care provider exempt from  
89 | licensure under s. 402.316, a before-school or after-school  
90 | program described in s. 402.305(1)(c), a child development  
91 | program that is accredited by a national accrediting body and  
92 | operates on a military installation that is certified by the  
93 | United States Department of Defense, an informal child care  
94 | provider to the extent authorized in the state's Child Care and  
95 | Development Fund Plan as approved by the United States  
96 | Department of Health and Human Services pursuant to 45 C.F.R. s.  
97 | 98.18, or a provider who has been issued a provisional license  
98 | pursuant to s. 402.309. A provider may not deliver the program  
99 | while holding a probation-status license under s. 402.310.

100 | Section 5. This act shall take effect July 1, 2023.