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S.B. No. 1327

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to authorizing a day-care center to employ an interim director.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Subchapter C, Chapter 42, Human Resources Code, is amended by adding Section 42.04201 to read as follows:

Sec. 42.04201. INTERIM DIRECTOR. (a) If a candidate to serve as the director of a licensed day-care center meets all the qualifications for a director prescribed by department rules except for the education requirements, the candidate may serve as interim director of the day-care center for not longer than 12 months while the candidate completes the requisite education.

(b) If the interim director completes the education requirements prescribed by the department before the end of the 12th month after the date the person began serving as interim director, the interim director may become the director of the licensed day-care center.

(c) If the interim director fails to complete the education requirements prescribed by the department before the end of the 12th month after the date the person began serving as interim director, the licensed day-care center shall employ a new director.

SECTION 2. Section 42.0761(a), Human Resources Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) An owner or operator of a day-care center commits an

1 offense if the owner or operator knowingly operates the day-care
2 center:

3 (1) without a director who meets the qualifications
4 of a director prescribed by department rules or an interim director
5 under Section 42.04201; or

6 (2) without the routine presence during the day-care
7 center's hours of operation of a director described by Subdivision
8 (1).

9 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.