

Amend CSHB 2 by adding the following new appropriately lettered part to Article 2 of the bill and relettering the subsequent parts accordingly:

PART _____. PREKINDERGARTEN PROGRAMS

SECTION 2____.____. Section 29.1532, Education Code, is amended by amending Subsection (b) and adding Subsections (d) and (e) to read as follows:

(b) A [If a] school [district contracts with a private entity for the operation of the] district's prekindergarten program, including a program operated by a private entity contracting with the district, [the program] must at a minimum comply with the applicable child-care licensing standards adopted by the Department of Family and Protective [and Regulatory] Services under Section 42.042, Human Resources Code. The State Board of Education shall adopt rules designed to ensure the school district's compliance with the standards.

(d) Before a school district may implement a prekindergarten program, the district shall:

(1) investigate the possibility of sharing program sites with existing child-care programs licensed by the Department of Family and Protective Services and existing federal Head Start programs; and

(2) coordinate use of any sites to the greatest extent possible.

(e) A school district shall implement to the greatest extent possible coordinated use of licensed child-care and Head Start sites with existing prekindergarten programs.

SECTION 2____.____. A school district's prekindergarten program established before September 1, 2005, is not required to comply with the applicable child-care standards adopted by the Department of Family and Protective Services, as required by Section 29.1532(b), Education Code, as amended by this Act, until September 1, 2008.