

BILL ANALYSIS

S.B. 59
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Human Services
Committee Report (Unamended)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

Currently, there are no restrictions as to who may provide training to child-care employees or directors. Current law requires each employee of a private child-care center who has no previous training or employment experience to receive eight hours of initial training. Annually, an employee must complete 15 hours of training and a director must complete 20 hours of training. Because the safety and educational needs of children at such facilities depend on well-trained staff and directors, it is necessary to regulate who may provide training.

S.B. 59 requires that the training required for all employees and directors of child-care providers in Texas be provided by a person who meets certain requirements.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 42.0421, Human Resources Code, by adding Subsections (e) and (f), as follows:

(e) Requires that the training required by this section be appropriately targeted and relevant to the age of the children who will receive care from the individual receiving training and requires that the training be provided by a person who:

(1) is a training provider registered with the Texas Early Care and Education Career Development System's Texas Trainer Registry that is maintained by the Texas Head Start State Collaboration Office;

(2) is an instructor at a public or private secondary school or at a public or private institution of higher education, as defined by Section 61.801 (Definitions), Education Code, who teaches early childhood development or another relevant course, as determined by rules adopted by the commissioner of education and the commissioner of higher education;

(3) is an employee of a state agency with relevant expertise;

(4) is a physician, psychologist, licensed professional counselor, social worker, or registered nurse;

(5) holds a generally recognized credential or possesses documented knowledge relevant to the training the person will provide;

(6) is a registered family home care provider or director (provider) of a day-care center or group day-care home in good standing with the Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS), if applicable, and who:

(A) has demonstrated core knowledge in child development and caregiving; and

(B) is only providing training at the home or center in which the provider or director and the person receiving training are employed; or

(7) has at least two years of experience working in child development or early childhood education and:

(A) has been awarded a child development associate (CDA) credential; or

(B) holds an associate's degree in child development, early childhood education, or a related field.

(f) Authorizes a person described by Subsection (e)(6) to provide training under this section only if DFPS has not taken an action under Section 42.071 (Suspension, Evaluation, or Probation of License or Registration), 42.072 (License, Listing, or Registration Denial, Suspension, or Revocation), or 42.078 (Administrative Penalty), other than an evaluation, against the license, listing, or registration of the person or the home or center for which the person is a provider or director during the two-year period preceding the date on which the person provides the training.

SECTION 2. Effective date: January 1, 2010.

EFFECTIVE DATE

January 1, 2010.