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S.B. No. 265

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to training for employees and operators of certain
3 child-care facilities.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 42.0421, Human Resources Code, is
6 amended by adding Subsections (f) and (g) to read as follows:

7 (f) The training required by this section must be
8 appropriately targeted and relevant to the age of the children who
9 will receive care from the individual receiving training and must
10 be provided by a person who:

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

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

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

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

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

4 (6) is a registered family home care provider or
5 director of a day-care center or group day-care home in good
6 standing with the department, if applicable, and who:

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

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

12 (7) has at least two years of experience working in
13 child development, a child development program, early childhood
14 education, a childhood education program, or a Head Start or Early
15 Head Start program and:

16 (A) has been awarded a Child Development
17 Associate (CDA) credential; or

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

20 (g) A person described by Subsection (f)(6) may provide
21 training under this section only if the department has not taken an
22 action under Section 42.071, 42.072, or 42.078, other than an
23 evaluation, against the license, listing, or registration of the
24 person or the home or center for which the person is a provider or
25 director during the two-year period preceding the date on which the
26 person provides the training.

27 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect January 1, 2012.