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S.B. No. 265

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to training for employees and operators of certain child-care facilities.

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

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

(f) The training required by this section must be appropriately targeted and relevant to the age of the children who will receive care from the individual receiving training and must 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, 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;

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.