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S.B. No. 1688

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to certain exemptions to initial training requirements for employees, directors, and operators of a child-care facility.

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

SECTION 1. Section 42.0421(a), Human Resources Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) The minimum training standards prescribed by the department under Section 42.042(p) for an employee, director, or operator of a day-care center, group day-care home, or registered family home must include:

(1) 24 hours of initial training that must be completed not later than the 90th day after the employee's first day of employment [~~for an employee of a day-care center who has no previous training or less than two years of employment experience in a regulated child-care facility~~], eight hours of which must be completed before the employee is given responsibility for a group of children, except that the employee is not required to complete the initial training if the employee:

(A) has previously completed the training required by this subdivision in a regulated child-care facility;

(B) has at least two years of employment experience in:

(i) a regulated child-care facility; or

(ii) an accredited public school working as

1 a teacher certified under Chapter 21, Education Code, with children
2 in kindergarten through grade three; or

3 (C) has earned at least six semester hours of
4 college credit in courses relating to child education or
5 development, including child psychology, early childhood
6 education, classroom management, and child growth and development;

7 (2) 24 hours of annual training for each employee of a
8 day-care center or group day-care home, excluding the director,
9 which must include at least six hours of training in one or more of
10 the following areas:

- 11 (A) child growth and development;
- 12 (B) guidance and discipline;
- 13 (C) age-appropriate curriculum; and
- 14 (D) teacher-child interaction; and

15 (3) 30 hours of annual training for each director of a
16 day-care center or group day-care home, or operator of a registered
17 family home, which must include at least six hours of training in
18 one or more of the following areas:

- 19 (A) child growth and development;
- 20 (B) guidance and discipline;
- 21 (C) age-appropriate curriculum; and
- 22 (D) teacher-child interaction.

23 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
24 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
25 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
26 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
27 Act takes effect September 1, 2013.