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H.B. No. 2883

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to training requirements and prohibited discrimination  
for child-care facilities and registered family homes.

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

SECTION 1. Section 42.042(e), Human Resources Code, is  
amended to read as follows:

(e) The executive commissioner shall promulgate minimum  
standards that apply to licensed child-care facilities and to  
registered family homes covered by this chapter and that will:

(1) promote the health, safety, and welfare of  
children attending a facility or registered family home;

(2) promote safe, comfortable, and healthy physical  
facilities and registered family homes for children;

(3) ensure adequate supervision of children by  
capable, qualified, and healthy personnel;

(4) ensure adequate and healthy food service where  
food service is offered;

(5) prohibit ~~racial~~ discrimination based on race or  
disability by child-care facilities and registered family homes;

(6) require procedures for parental and guardian  
consultation in the formulation of children's educational and  
therapeutic programs;

(7) prevent the breakdown of foster care and adoptive  
placement; and

(8) ensure that a child-care facility or registered family home:

(A) follows the directions of a child's physician or other health care provider in providing specialized medical assistance required by the child; and

(B) maintains for a reasonable time a copy of any directions from the physician or provider that the parent provides to the facility or home.

SECTION 2. Section [42.0421](#), Human Resources Code, is amended by adding Subsections (a-1) and (a-2) to read as follows:

(a-1) The initial training described by Subsection (a)(1) must include training on:

(1) trauma-informed care; and

(2) behavioral health that includes:

(A) methods for:

(i) understanding and managing behaviors;

(ii) requesting a consultation; and

(iii) providing support to all children who are provided care; and

(B) a description of the impact autism and other intellectual and developmental disabilities have on behavior and communication.

(a-2) The annual training described by Subsection (a)(2) must include training on providing care to children with special needs that includes methods for:

(1) identifying possible developmental delays;

(2) locating community resources for the children;

1           (3) providing effective communication to the  
2 children's parents; and  
3           (4) accommodating the special needs of children in the  
4 classroom.

5           SECTION 3. As soon as practicable after the effective date  
6 of this Act, the executive commissioner of the Health and Human  
7 Services Commission shall adopt the rules necessary to implement  
8 the changes in law made by this Act.

9           SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.