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H.B. No. 4168

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to the rights of a parent with a child in a child-care
3 facility.

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

5 SECTION 1. Subchapter C, Chapter 42, Human Resources Code,
6 is amended by adding Section 42.04271 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 42.04271. RIGHTS OF PARENT WITH CHILD IN CHILD-CARE
8 FACILITY. (a) A parent of a child at a child-care facility has the
9 right to:

10 (1) enter and inspect the child-care facility during
11 the facility's hours of operation without advance notice;

12 (2) file a complaint against the child-care facility;

13 (3) review the child-care facility's public records;

14 (4) review the commission's inspection reports for the
15 child-care facility;

16 (5) have the child-care facility comply with a court
17 order preventing another parent from visiting or removing the
18 parent's child;

19 (6) be provided the name, address, and contact
20 information for the commission's child care licensing division;

21 (7) be notified of the name of any person associated
22 with the child-care facility who has been convicted of a criminal
23 offense, and the nature of the association;

24 (8) inspect any video recordings of an alleged

1 incident of abuse or neglect involving the parent's child;
2 (9) obtain a copy of the child-care facility's:
3 (A) policies and procedures handbook; and
4 (B) staff training curriculum and records; and
5 (10) be free from any retaliatory action by the
6 child-care facility for exercising any of the parent's rights.
7 (b) Not later than a child's first day at a child-care
8 facility, the facility shall provide the parent or guardian of the
9 child with a written copy of the rights listed in Subsection (a).

10 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.