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S.B. No. 462

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to establishing a child-care services waiting list  
priority for the children of certain child-care workers.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 302, Labor Code, is  
amended by adding Section 302.0064 to read as follows:

Sec. 302.0064. CHILD-CARE SERVICES WAITING LIST PRIORITY  
FOR CHILD-CARE WORKERS. (a) For purposes of this section,  
"child-care worker" means an individual employed by and working in  
a child-care facility licensed under Chapter 42, Human Resources  
Code, for a minimum of 25 hours per week. The term does not include  
the owner or director of a child-care facility unless the owner's or  
director's child is served in a program other than a program  
directly supervised by the owner or director.

(b) The commission shall require that any waiting list for  
child-care services must establish a priority position for the  
delivery of those services to children of child-care workers who  
are eligible for the services.

(c) A child-care worker whose child receives a priority  
position on a waitlist as provided by Subsection (b) is subject to  
redetermination of the individual's eligibility for services in  
accordance with commission rule each year.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.