S.B. No. 462

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

- 1 AN ACT
- 2 relating to establishing a child-care services waiting list
- 3 priority for the children of certain child-care workers.
- 4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
- 5 SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 302, Labor Code, is
- 6 amended by adding Section 302.0064 to read as follows:
- 7 Sec. 302.0064. CHILD-CARE SERVICES WAITING LIST PRIORITY
- 8 FOR CHILD-CARE WORKERS. (a) For purposes of this section,
- 9 "child-care worker" means an individual employed by and working in
- 10 <u>a child-care facility licensed under Chapter 42</u>, Human Resources
- 11 Code, for a minimum of 25 hours per week. The term does not include
- 12 the owner or director of a child-care facility unless the owner's or
- 13 director's child is served in a program other than a program
- 14 <u>directly supervised by the owner or director.</u>
- 15 (b) The commission shall require that any waiting list for
- 16 child-care services must establish a priority position for the
- 17 delivery of those services to children of child-care workers who
- 18 are eligible for the services.
- 19 <u>(c)</u> A child-care worker whose child receives a priority
- 20 position on a waitlist as provided by Subsection (b) is subject to
- 21 redetermination of the individual's eligibility for services in
- 22 accordance with commission rule each year.
- 23 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.