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# ENROLLED SENATE BILL No. 241

AN ACT to amend 1973 PA 116, entitled "An act to provide for the protection of children through the licensing and regulation of child care organizations; to provide for the establishment of standards of care for child care organizations; to prescribe powers and duties of certain departments of this state and adoption facilitators; to provide penalties; and to repeal acts and parts of acts," by amending sections 1, 2a, 2b, 3c, 3d, 3e, 5, 5f, 5g, 9a, and 11b (MCL 722.111, 722.112a, 722.112b, 722.113c, 722.113d, 722.113e, 722.115, 722.115f, 722.115g, 722.119a, and 722.121b), section 1 as amended by 2005 PA 202, section 2a as amended by 1998 PA 440, section 2b as added by 2004 PA 531, section 3c as added by 1993 PA 219, section 3d as added by 1993 PA 218, section 3e as added by 2002 PA 717, sections 5 and 5f as amended by 2006 PA 580, section 5g as added by 2005 PA 128, section 9a as amended by 2004 PA 315, and section 11b as added by 2002 PA 645.

*The People of the State of Michigan enact:*

Sec. 1. (1) As used in this act:

(a) "Child care organization" means a governmental or nongovernmental organization having as its principal function receiving minor children for care, maintenance, training, and supervision, notwithstanding that educational instruction may be given. Child care organization includes organizations commonly described as child caring institutions, child placing agencies, children's camps, children's campsites, children's therapeutic group homes, child care centers, day care centers, nursery schools, parent cooperative preschools, foster homes, group homes, or child care homes. Child care organization does not include a governmental or nongovernmental organization that does either of the following:

(i) Provides care exclusively to minors who have been emancipated by court order under section 4(3) of 1968 PA 293, MCL 722.4.

(ii) Provides care exclusively to persons who are 18 years of age or older and to minors who have been emancipated by court order under section 4(3) of 1968 PA 293, MCL 722.4, at the same location.

(b) "Child caring institution" means a child care facility that is organized for the purpose of receiving minor children for care, maintenance, and supervision, usually on a 24-hour basis, in buildings maintained by the child caring institution for that purpose, and operates throughout the year. An educational program may be provided, but the educational program shall not be the primary purpose of the facility. Child caring institution includes a maternity home for the care of unmarried mothers who are minors and an agency group home, that is described as a small child caring institution owned, leased, or rented by a licensed agency providing care for more than 4 but less than 13 minor children. Child caring institution also includes institutions for mentally retarded or emotionally disturbed minor children. Child caring institution does not include a hospital, nursing home, or home for the aged licensed under article 17 of the public health code, 1978 PA 368, MCL 333.20101 to 333.22260, a boarding school licensed under section 1335 of the revised school code, 1976 PA 451, MCL 380.1335, a hospital or facility operated by the state or licensed under the mental health code, 1974 PA 258, MCL 330.1001 to 330.2106, or an adult foster care family home or an adult foster care small group home licensed under the adult foster care facility licensing act, 1979 PA 218, MCL 400.701 to 400.737, in which a child has been placed under section 5(6).

(c) “Child placing agency” means a governmental organization or an agency organized under the nonprofit corporation act, 1982 PA 162, MCL 450.2101 to 450.3192, for the purpose of receiving children for placement in private family homes for foster care or for adoption. The function of a child placing agency may include investigating applicants for adoption and investigating and certifying foster family homes and foster family group homes as provided in this act. The function of a child placing agency may also include supervising children who are 16 or 17 years of age and who are living in unlicensed residences as provided in section 5(4).

(d) “Children’s camp” means a residential, day, troop, or travel camp that provides care and supervision and is conducted in a natural environment for more than 4 children, apart from the children’s parents, relatives, or legal guardians, for 5 or more days in a 14-day period.

(e) “Children’s campsite” means the outdoor setting where a children’s residential or day camp is located.

(f) “Children’s therapeutic group home” means a child caring institution receiving not more than 6 minor children who are diagnosed with a developmental disability as defined in section 100a of the mental health code, 1974 PA 258, MCL 330.1100a, or a serious emotional disturbance as defined in section 100d of the mental health code, 1974 PA 258, MCL 330.1100d. A children’s therapeutic group home meets all of the following requirements:

(i) Provides care, maintenance, and supervision, usually on a 24-hour basis.

(ii) Complies with the rules for child caring institutions, except that behavior management rooms, personal restraint, mechanical restraint, or seclusion which is allowed in certain circumstances under licensing rules are prohibited in a children’s therapeutic group home.

(iii) Is not a private home.

(iv) Is not located on a campus with other licensed facilities.

(g) “Child care center” or “day care center” means a facility, other than a private residence, receiving 1 or more preschool or school-age children for care for periods of less than 24 hours a day, where the parents or guardians are not immediately available to the child. Child care center or day care center includes a facility that provides care for not less than 2 consecutive weeks, regardless of the number of hours of care per day. The facility is generally described as a child care center, day care center, day nursery, nursery school, parent cooperative preschool, play group, before- or after-school program, or drop-in center. Child care center or day care center does not include any of the following:

(i) A Sunday school, a vacation bible school, or a religious instructional class that is conducted by a religious organization where children are attending for not more than 3 hours per day for an indefinite period or for not more than 8 hours per day for a period not to exceed 4 weeks during a 12-month period.

(ii) A facility operated by a religious organization where children are in the religious organization’s care for not more than 3 hours while persons responsible for the children are attending religious services.

(iii) A program that is primarily supervised, school-age-child-focused training in a specific subject, including, but not limited to, dancing, drama, music, or religion. This exclusion applies only to the time a child is involved in supervised, school-age-child-focused training.

(iv) A program that is primarily an incident of group athletic or social activities for school-age children sponsored by or under the supervision of an organized club or hobby group, including, but not limited to, youth clubs, scouting, and school-age recreational or supplementary education programs. This exclusion applies only to the time the school-age child is engaged in the group athletic or social activities and if the school-age child can come and go at will.

(h) “Department” means the department of human services or a successor agency or department responsible for licensure and registration under this act.

(i) “Private home” means a private residence in which the licensee or registrant permanently resides as a member of the household, which residency is not contingent upon caring for children or employment by a licensed or approved child placing agency. Private home includes a full-time foster family home, a full-time foster family group home, a group child care home, or a family child care home, as follows:

(i) “Foster family home” is a private home in which 1 but not more than 4 minor children, who are not related to an adult member of the household by blood or marriage, or who are not placed in the household under the Michigan adoption code, chapter X of the probate code of 1939, 1939 PA 288, MCL 710.21 to 710.70, are given care and supervision for 24 hours a day, for 4 or more days a week, for 2 or more consecutive weeks, unattended by a parent, legal guardian, or legal custodian.

(ii) “Foster family group home” means a private home in which more than 4 but fewer than 7 minor children, who are not related to an adult member of the household by blood or marriage, or who are not placed in the household under the Michigan adoption code, chapter X of the probate code of 1939, 1939 PA 288, MCL 710.21 to 710.70, are provided care for 24 hours a day, for 4 or more days a week, for 2 or more consecutive weeks, unattended by a parent, legal guardian, or legal custodian.

(iii) “Family child care home” means a private home in which 1 but fewer than 7 minor children are received for care and supervision for periods of less than 24 hours a day, unattended by a parent or legal guardian, except children related

to an adult member of the family by blood, marriage, or adoption. Family child care home includes a home in which care is given to an unrelated minor child for more than 4 weeks during a calendar year.

(iv) "Group child care home" means a private home in which more than 6 but not more than 12 minor children are given care and supervision for periods of less than 24 hours a day unattended by a parent or legal guardian, except children related to an adult member of the family by blood, marriage, or adoption. Group child care home includes a home in which care is given to an unrelated minor child for more than 4 weeks during a calendar year.

(j) "Legal custodian" means an individual who is at least 18 years of age in whose care a minor child remains or is placed after a court makes a finding under section 13a(5) of chapter XIIA of the probate code of 1939, 1939 PA 288, MCL 712A.13a.

(k) "Licensee" means a person, partnership, firm, corporation, association, nongovernmental organization, or local or state government child care organization that has been issued a license under this act to operate a child care organization.

(l) "Provisional license" means a license issued to a child care organization that is temporarily unable to conform to all of the rules promulgated under this act.

(m) "Regular license" means a license issued to a child care organization indicating that the organization is in compliance with all rules promulgated under this act.

(n) "Guardian" means the guardian of the person.

(o) "Minor child" means any of the following:

(i) A person less than 18 years of age.

(ii) A person who is a resident in a child caring institution, children's camp, foster family home, or foster family group home; who becomes 18 years of age while residing in the child caring institution, children's camp, foster family home, or foster family group home; and who continues residing in the child caring institution, children's camp, foster family home, or foster family group home to receive care, maintenance, training, and supervision. A minor child under this subparagraph does not include a person 18 years of age or older who is placed in a child caring institution, foster family home, or foster family group home under an adjudication under section 2(a) of chapter XIIA of the probate code of 1939, 1939 PA 288, MCL 712A.2, or section 1 of chapter IX of the code of criminal procedure, 1927 PA 175, MCL 769.1. This subparagraph applies only if the number of those residents who become 18 years of age does not exceed the following:

(A) Two, if the total number of residents is 10 or fewer.

(B) Three, if the total number of residents is not less than 11 and not more than 14.

(C) Four, if the total number of residents is not less than 15 and not more than 20.

(D) Five, if the total number of residents is 21 or more.

(iii) A person 18 years of age or older who is placed in a foster family home under section 5(7).

(p) "Registrant" means a person who has been issued a certificate of registration under this act to operate a family child care home.

(q) "Registration" means the process by which the department regulates family child care homes, and includes the requirement that a family child care home certify to the department that the family child care home has complied with and will continue to comply with the rules promulgated under this act.

(r) "Certificate of registration" means a written document issued under this act to a family child care home through registration.

(s) "Related" means a parent, grandparent, brother, sister, stepparent, stepsister, stepbrother, uncle, aunt, cousin, great aunt, great uncle, or stepgrandparent related by marriage, blood, or adoption.

(t) "Religious organization" means a church, ecclesiastical corporation, or group, not organized for pecuniary profit, that gathers for mutual support and edification in piety or worship of a supreme deity.

(u) "School-age child" means a child who is eligible to be enrolled in a grade of kindergarten or above, but is less than 13 years of age.

(2) A facility or program for school-age children that is currently operated and has been in operation and licensed or approved as provided in this act for a minimum of 2 years may apply to the department to be exempt from inspections and on-site visits required under section 5. The department shall respond to a facility or program requesting exemption from inspections and on-site visits required under section 5 as provided under this subsection within 45 days from the date the completed application is received. The department may grant exemption from inspections and on-site visits required under section 5 to a facility or program that meets all of the following criteria:

(a) The facility or program has been in operation and licensed or approved under this act for a minimum of 2 years immediately preceding the application date.

(b) During the 2 years immediately preceding the application date, the facility or program has not had a substantial violation of this act, rules promulgated under this act, or the terms of a licensure or an approval under this act.

(c) The school board, board of directors, or governing body adopts a resolution supporting the application for exemption from inspections and on-site visits required under section 5 as provided for in this subsection.

(3) A facility or program granted exemption from inspections and on-site visits required under section 5 as provided under subsection (2) is required to maintain status as a licensed or approved program under this act and must continue to meet the requirements of this act, the rules promulgated under this act, or the terms of a license or approval under this act. A facility or program granted exemption from inspections and on-site visits required under section 5 as provided under subsection (2) is subject to an investigation by the department if a violation of this act or a violation of a rule promulgated under this act is alleged.

(4) A facility or program granted exemption from inspections and on-site visits required under section 5 as provided under subsection (2) is not subject to interim or annual licensing reviews. A facility or program granted exemption from inspections and on-site visits required under section 5 as provided under subsection (2) is required to submit documentation annually demonstrating compliance with the requirements of this act, the rules promulgated under this act, or the terms of a license or approval under this act.

(5) An exemption provided under subsection (2) may be rescinded by the department if the facility or program willfully and substantially violates this act, the rules promulgated under this act, or the terms of a license or approval granted under this act.

Sec. 2a. (1) A child caring institution, child care center, or group child care home shall have on duty at all times while the institution, center, or home is providing care to 1 or more children at least 1 person who has been certified within the preceding 36 months in first aid and within the preceding 12 months in age-appropriate cardiopulmonary resuscitation by the American red cross, the American heart association, or an equivalent organization or institution approved by the department.

(2) Section 15 does not apply to this section.

Sec. 2b. (1) As used in this section and sections 2c, 2d, and 2e, unless the context requires otherwise:

(a) “Adaptive device” means a mechanical device incorporated in the individual plan of services that is intended to provide anatomical support or to assist the minor child with adaptive skills.

(b) “Chemical restraint” means a drug that meets all of the following criteria:

(i) Is administered to manage a minor child’s behavior in a way that reduces the safety risk to the minor child or others.

(ii) Has the temporary effect of restricting the minor child’s freedom of movement.

(iii) Is not a standard treatment for the minor child’s medical or psychiatric condition.

(c) “Emergency safety intervention” means use of personal restraint or seclusion as an immediate response to an emergency safety situation.

(d) “Emergency safety situation” means the onset of an unanticipated, severely aggressive, or destructive behavior that places the minor child or others at serious threat of violence or injury if no intervention occurs and that calls for an emergency safety intervention.

(e) “Individual plan of services” means that term as defined in section 100b of the mental health code, 1974 PA 258, MCL 330.1100b.

(f) “Licensed practitioner” means an individual who has been trained in the use of personal restraint and seclusion, who is knowledgeable of the risks inherent in the implementation of personal restraint and seclusion, and who is 1 of the following:

(i) A physician licensed under article 15 of the public health code, 1978 PA 368, MCL 333.16101 to 333.18838.

(ii) An individual who has been issued a specialty certification as a nurse practitioner under article 15 of the public health code, 1978 PA 368, MCL 333.16101 to 333.18838.

(iii) A physician’s assistant licensed under article 15 of the public health code, 1978 PA 368, MCL 333.16101 to 333.18838.

(iv) A registered nurse licensed under article 15 of the public health code, 1978 PA 368, MCL 333.16101 to 333.18838.

(v) A psychologist and a limited licensed psychologist licensed under article 15 of the public health code, 1978 PA 368, MCL 333.16101 to 333.18838.

(vi) A counselor and a limited licensed counselor licensed under article 15 of the public health code, 1978 PA 368, MCL 333.16101 to 333.18838.

(vii) A licensed master’s social worker licensed under article 15 of the public health code, 1978 PA 368, MCL 333.16101 to 333.18838.

(g) “Mechanical restraint” means a device attached or adjacent to the minor child’s body that he or she cannot easily remove and that restricts freedom of movement or normal access to his or her body. Mechanical restraint does not

include the use of a protective or adaptive device or a device primarily intended to provide anatomical support. Mechanical restraint does not include use of a mechanical device to ensure security precautions appropriate to the condition and circumstances of a minor child placed in the child caring institution as a result of an order of the family division of circuit court under section 2(a) of chapter XIIA of the probate code of 1939, 1939 PA 288, MCL 712A.2.

(h) "Personal restraint" means the application of physical force without the use of a device, for the purpose of restraining the free movement of a minor child's body. Personal restraint does not include:

(i) The use of a protective or adaptive device.

(ii) Briefly holding a minor child without undue force in order to calm or comfort him or her.

(iii) Holding a minor child's hand, wrist, shoulder, or arm to safely escort him or her from 1 area to another.

(iv) The use of a protective or adaptive device or a device primarily intended to provide anatomical support.

(i) "Protective device" means an individually fabricated mechanical device or physical barrier, the use of which is incorporated in the individualized written plan of service. The use of a protective device is intended to prevent the minor child from causing serious self-injury associated with documented, frequent, and unavoidable hazardous events.

(j) "Seclusion" means the involuntary placement of a minor child in a room alone, where the minor child is prevented from exiting by any means, including the physical presence of a staff person if the sole purpose of that staff person's presence is to prevent the minor child from exiting the room. Seclusion does not include the use of a sleeping room during regular sleeping hours to ensure security precautions appropriate to the condition and circumstances of a minor child placed in the child caring institution as a result of an order of the family division of circuit court under section 2(a) and (b) of chapter XIIA of the probate code of 1939, 1939 PA 288, MCL 712A.2, if the minor child's individual case treatment plan indicates that the security precautions would be in the minor child's best interest.

(k) "Serious injury" means any significant impairment of the physical condition of the minor child as determined by qualified medical personnel that results from an emergency safety intervention. This includes, but is not limited to, burns, lacerations, bone fractures, substantial hematoma, and injuries to internal organs, whether self-inflicted or inflicted by someone else.

(2) The provisions of this section and sections 2c, 2d, and 2e only apply to a child caring institution that contracts with or receives payment from a community mental health services program or prepaid inpatient health plan for the care, treatment, maintenance, and supervision of a minor child in that child caring institution.

Sec. 3c. (1) An individual shall not smoke on the premises of a family child care home during the hours of operation of the family child care home. The operator of a family child care home may permit smoking on the premises during a period other than the hours of operation of that family child care home if the operator has provided to a parent or legal guardian of each child participating in a family child care home activity notice that smoking on the premises occurs or may occur when the family child care home is not in operation.

(2) As used in this section and section 3d:

(a) "Child" means an individual less than 18 years of age who is not related to an adult member of the family child care home or group child care home operator.

(b) "Smoke" and "smoking" mean those terms as defined in section 12601 of the public health code, 1978 PA 368, MCL 333.12601.

Sec. 3d. (1) An individual shall not smoke on the premises of a group child care home during the hours of operation of the group child care home. The operator of a group child care home shall conspicuously post on the premises a notice that specifies that smoking on the premises is prohibited during the hours of operation of the group child care home.

(2) A group child care home operator may permit smoking on the premises during a period other than the hours of operation of that group child care home if the operator has provided to a parent or legal guardian of each child participating in a group child care home activity notice that smoking on the premises occurs or may occur when the group child care home is not in operation.

Sec. 3e. The operator of a child care center or child caring institution shall conspicuously post on the premises a notice stating whether or not that child care center or child caring institution requires a criminal history check on its employees or volunteers. The department shall promulgate rules to implement this section under the administrative procedures act of 1969, 1969 PA 306, MCL 24.201 to 24.328.

Sec. 5. (1) A person, partnership, firm, corporation, association, or nongovernmental organization shall not establish or maintain a child care organization unless licensed or registered by the department. Application for a license or certificate of registration shall be made on forms provided, and in the manner prescribed, by the department. Before issuing or renewing a license, the department shall investigate the applicant's activities and proposed standards of care and shall make an on-site visit of the proposed or established organization. If the department is satisfied as to the need for a child care organization, its financial stability, the applicant's good moral character, and that the services and

facilities are conducive to the welfare of the children, the department shall issue or renew the license. If a county juvenile agency as defined in section 2 of the county juvenile agency act, 1998 PA 518, MCL 45.622, certifies to the department that it intends to contract with an applicant for a new license, the department shall issue or deny the license within 60 days after it receives a complete application as provided in section 5b.

(2) The department shall issue a certificate of registration to a person who has successfully completed an orientation session offered by the department and who certifies to the department that the family child care home has complied with and will continue to comply with the rules promulgated under this act and will provide services and facilities, as determined by the department, conducive to the welfare of children. The department shall make available to applicants for registration an orientation session to applicants for registration regarding this act, the rules promulgated under this act, and the needs of children in family child care before issuing a certificate of registration. The department shall issue a certificate of registration to a specific person at a specific location. A certificate of registration is nontransferable and remains the property of the department. Within 90 days after initial registration, the department shall make an on-site visit of the family child care home.

(3) The department may authorize a licensed child placing agency or an approved governmental unit to investigate a foster family home or a foster family group home according to subsection (1) and to certify that the foster family home or foster family group home meets the licensing requirements prescribed by this act. Before certifying to the department that a foster family home or foster family group home meets the licensing requirements prescribed by this act, the licensed child placing agency or approved governmental unit shall receive and review a medical statement for each member of the household indicating that he or she does not have a known condition that would affect the care of a foster child. The medical statement required under this section shall be signed and dated by a physician licensed under article 15 of the public health code, 1978 PA 368, MCL 333.16101 to 333.18838, a physician's assistant licensed under article 15 of the public health code, 1978 PA 368, MCL 333.16101 to 333.18838, or a certified nurse practitioner licensed as a registered professional nurse under part 172 of the public health code, 1978 PA 368, MCL 333.17201 to 333.17242, who has been issued a specialty certification as a nurse practitioner by the board of nursing under section 17210 of the public health code, 1978 PA 368, MCL 333.17210, within the 12 months immediately preceding the date of the initial evaluation. This subsection does not require new or additional third party reimbursement or worker's compensation benefits for services rendered. A foster family home or a foster family group home shall be certified for licensing by the department by only 1 child placing agency or approved governmental unit. Other child placing agencies may place children in a foster family home or foster family group home only upon the approval of the certifying agency or governmental unit.

(4) The department may authorize a licensed child placing agency or an approved governmental unit to place a child who is 16 or 17 years of age in his or her own unlicensed residence, or in the unlicensed residence of an adult who has no supervisory responsibility for the child, if a child placing agency or governmental unit retains supervisory responsibility for the child.

(5) A licensed child placing agency, child caring institution, and an approved governmental unit shall provide the state court administrative office and a local foster care review board established under 1984 PA 422, MCL 722.131 to 722.139a, those records requested pertaining to children in foster care placement for more than 6 months.

(6) The department may authorize a licensed child placing agency or an approved governmental unit to place a child who is 16 or 17 years old in an adult foster care family home or an adult foster care small group home licensed under the adult foster care facility licensing act, 1979 PA 218, MCL 400.701 to 400.737, if a licensed child placing agency or approved governmental unit retains supervisory responsibility for the child and certifies to the department all of the following:

- (a) The placement is in the best interests of the child.
- (b) The child's needs can be adequately met by the adult foster care family home or small group home.
- (c) The child will be compatible with other residents of the adult foster care family home or small group home.

(d) The child placing agency or approved governmental unit will periodically reevaluate the placement of a child under this subsection to determine that the criteria for placement in subdivisions (a) through (c) continue to be met.

(7) On an exception basis, the director of the department, or his or her designee, may authorize a licensed child placing agency or an approved governmental unit to place an adult in a foster family home if a licensed child placing agency or approved governmental unit certifies to the department all of the following:

(a) The adult is a person with a developmental disability as defined by section 100a of the mental health code, 1974 PA 258, MCL 330.1100a, or a person who is otherwise neurologically disabled and is also physically limited to a degree that requires complete physical assistance with mobility and activities of daily living.

(b) The placement is in the best interests of the adult and will not adversely affect the interests of the foster child or children residing in the foster family home.

(c) The identified needs of the adult can be met by the foster family home.

(d) The adult will be compatible with other residents of the foster family home.

(e) The child placing agency or approved governmental unit will periodically reevaluate the placement of an adult under this subsection to determine that the criteria for placement in subdivisions (a) through (d) continue to be met and document that the adult is receiving care consistent with the administrative rules for a child placing agency.

(8) On an exception basis, the director of the department, or his or her designee, may authorize a licensed child placing agency or an approved governmental unit to place a child in an adult foster care family home or an adult foster care small group home licensed under the adult foster care facility licensing act, 1979 PA 218, MCL 400.701 to 400.737, if the licensed child placing agency or approved governmental unit certifies to the department all of the following:

(a) The placement is in the best interests of the child.

(b) The placement has the concurrence of the parent or guardian of the child.

(c) The identified needs of the child can be met adequately by the adult foster care family home or small group home.

(d) The child's psychosocial and clinical needs are compatible with those of other residents of the adult foster care family home or small group home.

(e) The clinical treatment of the child's condition is similar to that of the other residents of the adult foster care family home or small group home.

(f) The child's cognitive level is consistent with the cognitive level of the other residents of the adult foster care family home or small group home.

(g) The child is neurologically disabled and is also physically limited to such a degree as to require complete physical assistance with mobility and activities of daily living.

(h) The child placing agency or approved governmental unit will periodically reevaluate the placement of a child under this subsection to determine that the criteria for placement in subdivisions (a) to (g) continue to be met.

(9) Beginning October 1, 2007, except as provided in subsection (1) and section 5b, the department shall issue an initial or renewal license or registration under this act for child care centers, group child care homes, and family child care homes not later than 6 months after the applicant files a completed application. Receipt of the application is considered the date the application is received by any agency or department of this state. If the application is considered incomplete by the department, the department shall notify the applicant in writing or make notice electronically available within 30 days after receipt of the incomplete application, describing the deficiency and requesting additional information. This subsection does not affect the time period within which an on-site visit to a family child care home shall be made. If the department identifies a deficiency or requires the fulfillment of a corrective action plan, the 6-month period is tolled until either of the following occurs:

(a) Upon notification by the department of a deficiency, until the date the requested information is received by the department.

(b) Upon notification by the department that a corrective action plan is required, until the date the department determines the requirements of the corrective action plan have been met.

(10) The determination of the completeness of an application is not an approval of the application for the license and does not confer eligibility on an applicant determined otherwise ineligible for issuance of a license.

(11) Except as provided in subsection (1) and section 5b, if the department fails to issue or deny a license or registration to a child care center, group child care home, or family child care home within the time required by this section, the department shall return the license or registration fee and shall reduce the license or registration fee for the applicant's next renewal application, if any, by 15%. Failure to issue or deny a license to a child care center, group child care home, or family child care home within the time period required under this section does not allow the department to otherwise delay the processing of the application. A completed application shall be placed in sequence with other completed applications received at that same time. The department shall not discriminate against an applicant in the processing of an application based on the fact that the application fee was refunded or discounted under this subsection.

(12) If, on a continual basis, inspections performed by a local health department delay the department in issuing or denying licenses or registrations for child care centers, group child care homes, and family child care homes under this act within the 6-month period, the department may use department staff to complete the inspections instead of the local health department causing the delays.

(13) Beginning October 1, 2008, the director of the department shall submit a report by December 1 of each year to the standing committees and appropriations subcommittees of the senate and house of representatives concerned with human services and children's issues. The director shall include all of the following information regarding applications for licenses and registrations only for child care centers, group child care homes, and family child care homes filed under this act in the report concerning the preceding fiscal year:

(a) The number of initial and renewal applications the department received and completed within the 6-month time period described in subsection (9).

(b) The number of applications requiring a request for additional information.

(c) The number of applications rejected.

(d) The number of licenses and registrations not issued within the 6-month period.

(e) The average processing time for initial and renewal licenses and registrations granted after the 6-month period.

(14) Except as provided in section 5c(8), the department shall not issue to or renew the license of a child care center or day care center under this act without requesting a criminal history check and criminal records check as required by section 5c. If a criminal history check or criminal records check performed under section 5c reveals that an applicant for a license under this act has been convicted of a listed offense, the department shall not issue a license to that applicant. If a criminal history check or criminal records check performed under section 5c reveals that an applicant for renewal of a license under this act has been convicted of a listed offense, the department shall not renew that license. If a criminal history check or criminal records check performed under section 5c reveals that a current licensee has been convicted of a listed offense, the department shall revoke the license of that licensee.

(15) Except as provided in section 5f(13), the department shall not issue or renew a certificate of registration to a family child care home or a license to a group child care home under this act without requesting a criminal history check and criminal records check as required by sections 5f and 5g. If a criminal history check or criminal records check performed under section 5f or 5g reveals that an applicant for a certificate of registration or license under this act or a person over 18 years of age residing in that applicant's home has been convicted of a listed offense, the department shall not issue a certificate of registration or license to that applicant. If a criminal history check or criminal records check performed under section 5f or 5g reveals that an applicant for renewal of a certificate of registration or license under this act or a person over 18 years of age residing in that applicant's home has been convicted of a listed offense, the department shall not renew a certificate of registration or license to that applicant. If a criminal history check or criminal records check performed under section 5f or 5g reveals that a current registrant or licensee under this act or a person over 18 years of age residing in that registrant's or licensee's home has been convicted of a listed offense, the department shall revoke that registrant's certificate of registration or licensee's license.

(16) As used in this section:

(a) "Completed application" means an application complete on its face and submitted with any applicable licensing or registration fees as well as any other information, records, approval, security, or similar item required by law or rule from a local unit of government, a federal agency, or a private entity but not from another department or agency of this state. A completed application does not include a health inspection performed by a local health department.

(b) "Good moral character" means that term as defined in and determined under 1974 PA 381, MCL 338.41 to 338.47.

(c) "Member of the household" means any individual, other than a foster child, who resides in a foster family home or foster family group home on an ongoing or recurrent basis.

Sec. 5f. (1) Except as provided in subsection (13), when a person applies for or to renew a certificate of registration to operate a family child care home or a license to operate a group child care home under section 5, the department shall request the department of state police to perform both of the following on that person:

(a) Conduct a criminal history check on the person.

(b) Conduct a criminal records check through the federal bureau of investigation on the person.

(2) Each person applying for a certificate of registration to operate a family child care home or a license to operate a group child care home shall give written consent at the time of application for the department of state police to conduct a criminal history check and a criminal records check required under this section. The department shall require the person to submit his or her fingerprints to the department of state police for the criminal history check and criminal records check described in subsection (1).

(3) The department shall request a criminal history check and criminal records check required under this section on a form and in the manner prescribed by the department of state police.

(4) Within a reasonable time after receiving a complete request by the department for a criminal history check on a person under this section, the department of state police shall conduct the criminal history check and provide a report of the results to the department. The report shall contain any criminal history record information on the person maintained by the department of state police.

(5) Within a reasonable time after receiving a proper request by the department for a criminal records check on a person under this section, the department of state police shall initiate the criminal records check. After receiving the results of the criminal records check from the federal bureau of investigation, the department of state police shall provide a report of the results to the department.

(6) The department of state police may charge the department a fee for a criminal history check or a criminal records check required under this section that does not exceed the actual and reasonable cost of conducting the check. The department may pass along to the registrant, licensee, or applicant the actual cost or fee charged by the department of state police for performing a criminal history check or a criminal records check required under this section.

(7) A person to whom a certificate of registration or license has been issued under this act shall report to the department within 3 business days after he or she has been arraigned for 1 or more of the following crimes and within



3 business days after he or she knows or should reasonably know that an employee or a person over 18 years of age residing in the home has been arraigned for 1 or more of the following crimes:

(a) Any felony.

(b) Any of the following misdemeanors:

(i) Criminal sexual conduct in the fourth degree or an attempt to commit criminal sexual conduct in the fourth degree.

(ii) Child abuse in the third or fourth degree or an attempt to commit child abuse in the third or fourth degree.

(iii) A misdemeanor involving cruelty, torture, or indecent exposure involving a child.

(iv) A misdemeanor violation of section 7410 of the public health code, 1978 PA 368, MCL 333.7410.

(v) A violation of section 115, 141a, 145a, 335a, or 359 of the Michigan penal code, 1931 PA 328, MCL 750.115, 750.141a, 750.145a, 750.335a, and 750.359, or a misdemeanor violation of section 81, 81a, or 145d of the Michigan penal code, 1931 PA 328, MCL 750.81, 750.81a, and 750.145d.

(vi) A misdemeanor violation of section 701 of the Michigan liquor control code of 1998, 1998 PA 58, MCL 436.1701.

(vii) Any misdemeanor that is a listed offense.

(c) A violation of a substantially similar law of another state, of a political subdivision of this state or another state, or of the United States.

(8) A person who violates subsection (7) is guilty of a crime as follows:

(a) If the person violates subsection (7) and the crime involved in the violation is a misdemeanor that is a listed offense or is a felony, the person is guilty of a felony punishable by imprisonment for not more than 2 years or a fine of not more than \$2,000.00, or both.

(b) If the person violates subsection (7) and the crime involved in the violation is a misdemeanor that is not a listed offense, the person is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for not more than 1 year or a fine of not more than \$1,000.00, or both.

(9) The department shall delete from the registrant's or licensee's records all information relating to an arraignment required to be reported under this section if the department receives documentation that the person arraigned for the crime is subsequently not convicted of any crime after the completion of judicial proceedings resulting from that arraignment.

(10) Not later than January 31, 2006, the department shall inform all persons currently issued a certificate of registration or license and all applicants for a certificate of registration or license of the requirement to report certain arraignments as required in this section and the penalty for not reporting those arraignments.

(11) At the time the department issues a certificate of registration to operate a family child care home or a license to operate a group child care home under this act, the department shall notify the registrant or licensee of the requirement to report certain arraignments as required in this section and the penalty for not reporting those arraignments.

(12) Not later than January 1, 2007, the department shall conduct a criminal history check and criminal records check on all persons currently issued a certificate of registration under this act to operate a family child care home or a license under this act to operate a group child care home.

(13) Beginning January 1, 2006, if a person applying to renew a certificate of registration to operate a family child care home under section 5 or a license to operate a group child care home under section 5 has previously undergone a criminal history check and criminal records check required under subsection (1) and has continuously maintained a certificate of registration to operate a family child care home or license to operate a group child care home after the criminal history check and criminal records check have been performed, that person is not required to submit to another criminal history check or criminal records check upon renewal of the certificate of registration or license obtained under section 5.

Sec. 5g. (1) When a person applies for a certificate of registration to operate a family child care home or a license to operate a group child care home under section 5, the department shall perform a criminal history check with the department of state police on all persons over 18 years of age residing in the home in which the family child care home or group child care home is operated. This section does not apply to a person residing in the home for a period of not more than 14 days.

(2) Not later than January 1, 2007, the department shall perform a criminal history check on all persons over 18 years of age residing in the home in which a family child care home or group child care home is currently operated.

(3) If a criminal history check reveals that a person over 18 years of age residing in the home has been convicted of a listed offense, the department shall not issue a certificate of registration or license to the applicant, shall not renew a certificate of registration to the registrant or license to the licensee applying for renewal, or shall revoke a current registrant's certificate of registration or current licensee's license.

Sec. 9a. (1) A certificate of registration shall be in force for 3 years unless revoked under section 11. Until September 30, 2007, a renewal certificate of registration shall be issued in the same manner as provided in section 5(2) for initially issuing the certificate, except that an on-site visit of the family child care home and the orientation session are not required. Beginning October 1, 2007, a renewal certificate of registration shall be issued in the same manner as provided in section 5(2), (9), and (11) for the initial issuance of the certificate, except that an on-site visit of the family child care home and the orientation session are not required. The certificate shall state that the registrant may operate a family child care home and the number and the ages of the children that may be received and maintained.

(2) This section does not limit the right or the duty of the department to assess periodically, randomly, or at the time of renewal, the continued compliance with this act and rules promulgated under this act. The department shall make on-site visits as provided in this act to a 10% sample of the family child care homes in each county each year, or when a complaint about a family child care home or registrant is received by the department.

Sec. 11b. (1) The department shall establish and maintain a database of child care centers, family child care homes, and group child care homes as a central clearinghouse for persons seeking information on child care options. The database shall include, at a minimum, all of the following information:

- (a) The name, address, and telephone number of the child care center, family child care home, or group child care home.
- (b) The days and general hours of operation of the child care center, family child care home, or group child care home.
- (c) The license or registration number, effective date, and expiration date of the child care center, family child care home, or group child care home.
- (d) The number and nature of any adverse action taken against the child care center, family child care home, or group child care home by the department.

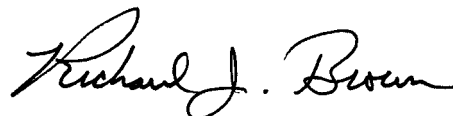
(2) The department shall make the database available to the public on the internet, without charge, through that department's website.

(3) The department shall inform the public, through press releases or other media avenues, of the information available in the database established under subsection (1) and how to access that database.

This act is ordered to take immediate effect.



Secretary of the Senate



Clerk of the House of Representatives

Approved .....

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Governor