

SENATE BILL No. 489

June 22, 2017, Introduced by Senators O'BRIEN, MACGREGOR, GREGORY, MEEKHOF, BRANDENBURG and MARLEAU and referred to the Committee on Oversight.

A bill 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 section 1 (MCL 722.111), as amended by 2014 PA 65.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

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

2 (a) "Child care organization" means a governmental or
3 nongovernmental organization having as its principal function
4 receiving minor children for care, maintenance, training, and
5 supervision, notwithstanding that educational instruction may be
6 given. Child care organization includes organizations commonly
7 described as child caring institutions, child placing agencies,

1 children's camps, children's campsites, children's therapeutic
2 group homes, child care centers, day care centers, nursery schools,
3 parent cooperative preschools, foster homes, group homes, or child
4 care homes. Child care organization does not include a governmental
5 or nongovernmental organization that does either of the following:

6 (i) Provides care exclusively to minors who have been
7 emancipated by court order under section 4(3) of 1968 PA 293, MCL
8 722.4.

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

12 (b) "Child caring institution" means a child care facility
13 that is organized for the purpose of receiving minor children for
14 care, maintenance, and supervision, usually on a 24-hour basis, in
15 buildings maintained by the child caring institution for that
16 purpose, and operates throughout the year. An educational program
17 may be provided, but the educational program shall not be the
18 primary purpose of the facility. Child caring institution includes
19 a maternity home for the care of unmarried mothers who are minors
20 and an agency group home, that is described as a small child caring
21 institution, owned, leased, or rented by a licensed agency
22 providing care for more than 4 but less than 13 minor children.
23 Child caring institution also includes institutions for
24 developmentally disabled or emotionally disturbed minor children.
25 Child caring institution does not include a hospital, nursing home,
26 or home for the aged licensed under article 17 of the public health
27 code, 1978 PA 368, MCL 333.20101 to 333.22260, a boarding school

1 licensed under section 1335 of the revised school code, 1976 PA
2 451, MCL 380.1335, a hospital or facility operated by the state or
3 licensed under the mental health code, 1974 PA 258, MCL 330.1001 to
4 330.2106, or an adult foster care family home or an adult foster
5 care small group home licensed under the adult foster care facility
6 licensing act, 1979 PA 218, MCL 400.701 to 400.737, in which a
7 child has been placed under section 5(6).

8 (c) "Child placing agency" means a governmental organization
9 or an agency organized under the nonprofit corporation act, 1982 PA
10 162, MCL 450.2101 to 450.3192, for the purpose of receiving
11 children for placement in private family homes for foster care or
12 for adoption. The function of a child placing agency may include
13 investigating applicants for adoption and investigating and
14 certifying foster family homes and foster family group homes as
15 provided in this act. The function of a child placing agency may
16 also include supervising children who are at least 16 but less than
17 21 years of age and who are living in unlicensed residences as
18 provided in section 5(4).

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

24 (e) "Children's campsite" means the outdoor setting where a
25 children's residential or day camp is located.

26 (f) "Children's therapeutic group home" means a child caring
27 institution receiving not more than 6 minor children who are

1 diagnosed with a developmental disability as defined in section
2 100a of the mental health code, 1974 PA 258, MCL 330.1100a, or a
3 serious emotional disturbance as defined in section 100d of the
4 mental health code, 1974 PA 258, MCL 330.1100d, and that meets all
5 of the following requirements:

6 (i) Provides care, maintenance, and supervision, usually on a
7 24-hour basis.

8 (ii) Complies with the rules for child caring institutions,
9 except that behavior management rooms, personal restraint,
10 mechanical restraint, or seclusion, which is allowed in certain
11 circumstances under licensing rules, ~~are~~**IS** prohibited in a
12 children's therapeutic group home.

13 (iii) Is not a private home.

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

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

27 (i) A Sunday school, a vacation bible school, or a religious

1 instructional class that is conducted by a religious organization
2 where children are attending for not more than 3 hours per day for
3 an indefinite period or for not more than 8 hours per day for a
4 period not to exceed 4 weeks during a 12-month period.

5 (ii) A facility operated by a religious organization where
6 children are in the religious organization's care for not more than
7 3 hours while persons responsible for the children are attending
8 religious services.

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

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

22 (h) "Department" means the department of human services or a
23 successor agency or department responsible for licensure and
24 registration under this act.

25 (i) "Private home" means a private residence in which the
26 licensee or registrant permanently resides as a member of the
27 household, which residency is not contingent upon caring for

1 children or employment by a licensed or approved child placing
2 agency. Private home includes a full-time foster family home, a
3 full-time foster family group home, a group child care home, or a
4 family child care home, as follows:

5 (i) "Foster family home" means a private home in which 1 but
6 not more than 4 minor children, who are not related to an adult
7 member of the household by blood or marriage, ~~or~~ who are not placed
8 in the household under the Michigan adoption code, chapter X of the
9 probate code of 1939, 1939 PA 288, MCL 710.21 to 710.70, **OR WHO ARE**
10 **NOT HOSTED IN THE PRIVATE HOME AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 4A**, are given
11 care and supervision for 24 hours a day, for 4 or more days a week,
12 for 2 or more consecutive weeks, unattended by a parent, legal
13 guardian, or legal custodian.

14 (ii) "Foster family group home" means a private home in which
15 more than 4 but fewer than 7 minor children, who are not related to
16 an adult member of the household by blood or marriage, ~~or~~ who are
17 not placed in the household under the Michigan adoption code,
18 chapter X of the probate code of 1939, 1939 PA 288, MCL 710.21 to
19 710.70, **OR WHO ARE NOT HOSTED IN THE PRIVATE HOME AS PROVIDED IN**
20 **SECTION 4A**, are provided care for 24 hours a day, for 4 or more
21 days a week, for 2 or more consecutive weeks, unattended by a
22 parent, legal guardian, or legal custodian.

23 (iii) "Family child care home" means a private home in which 1
24 but fewer than 7 minor children are received for care and
25 supervision for compensation for periods of less than 24 hours a
26 day, unattended by a parent or legal guardian, except children
27 related to an adult member of the family by blood, marriage, or

1 adoption. Family child care home includes a home in which care is
2 given to an unrelated minor child for more than 4 weeks during a
3 calendar year. A family child care home does not include an
4 individual providing babysitting services for another individual.
5 As used in this subparagraph, "providing babysitting services"
6 means caring for a child on behalf of the child's parent or
7 guardian when the annual compensation for providing those services
8 does not equal or exceed \$600.00 or an amount that would according
9 to the internal revenue code of 1986 obligate the child's parent or
10 guardian to provide a form 1099-MISC to the individual for
11 compensation paid during the calendar year for those services.

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

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

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

27 (l) "Provisional license" means a license issued to a child

1 care organization that is temporarily unable to conform to all of
2 the rules promulgated under this act.

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

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

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

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

9 (ii) A person who is a resident in a child caring institution,
10 foster family home, or foster family group home, who is at least 18
11 but less than 21 years of age, and who meets the requirements of
12 the young adult voluntary foster care act, **2011 PA 225, MCL 400.641**
13 **TO 400.671.**

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

1 become 18 years of age does not exceed the following:

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

3 (B) Three, if the total number of residents is not less than
4 11 and not more than 14.

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

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

8 (iv) A person 18 years of age or older who is placed in an
9 unlicensed residence under section 5(4) or a foster family home
10 under section 5(7).

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

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

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

22 (s) "Related" means in the relationship of parent,
23 grandparent, brother, sister, stepparent, stepsister, stepbrother,
24 uncle, aunt, cousin, great aunt, great uncle, or stepgrandparent by
25 marriage, blood, or adoption.

26 (t) "Religious organization" means a church, ecclesiastical
27 corporation, or group, not organized for pecuniary profit, that

1 gathers for mutual support and edification in piety or worship of a
2 supreme deity.

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

6 (v) "Licensee designee" means the individual designated in
7 writing by the board of directors of the corporation or by the
8 owner or person with legal authority to act on behalf of the
9 company or organization on licensing matters. All license
10 applications must be signed by the licensee in the case of the
11 individual or by a member of the corporation, company, or
12 organization.

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

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

27 (b) During the 2 years immediately preceding the application

1 date, the facility or program has not had a substantial violation
2 of this act, rules promulgated under this act, or the terms of a
3 licensure or an approval under this act.

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

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

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

26 (5) An exemption provided under subsection (2) may be
27 rescinded by the department if the facility or program willfully

1 and substantially violates this act, the rules promulgated under
2 this act, or the terms of a license or approval granted under this
3 act.

4 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act takes effect 90 days
5 after the date it is enacted into law.

6 Enacting section 2. This amendatory act does not take effect
7 unless all of the following bills of the 99th Legislature are
8 enacted into law:

9 (a) Senate Bill No. 488.

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11 (b) Senate Bill No. 490.

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13 (c) Senate Bill No. 491.

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