

SENATE BILL NO. 589

October 15, 2019, Introduced by Senator ANANICH and referred to the Committee on Environmental Quality.

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 the title and section 1 (MCL 722.111), the title as amended by 1997 PA 165 and section 1 as amended by 2018 PA 431, and by adding sections 3i, 3j, and 3k.

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

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

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

11 (c) "Child caring institution" means a child care facility
12 that is organized for the purpose of receiving minor children for
13 care, maintenance, and supervision, usually on a 24-hour basis, in
14 buildings maintained by the child caring institution for that
15 purpose, and operates throughout the year. An educational program
16 may be provided, but the educational program shall not be the
17 primary purpose of the facility. Child caring institution includes
18 a maternity home for the care of unmarried mothers who are minors
19 and an agency group home, that is described as a small child caring
20 institution, owned, leased, or rented by a licensed agency
21 providing care for more than 4 but less than 13 minor children.
22 Child caring institution also includes institutions for
23 developmentally disabled or emotionally disturbed minor children.
24 Child caring institution does not include a hospital, nursing home,
25 or home for the aged licensed under article 17 of the public health
26 code, 1978 PA 368, MCL 333.20101 to 333.22260, a boarding school
27 licensed under section 1335 of the revised school code, 1976 PA
28 451, MCL 380.1335, a hospital or facility operated by the state or
29 licensed under the mental health code, 1974 PA 258, MCL 330.1001 to

1 330.2106, or an adult foster care family home or an adult foster
2 care small group home licensed under the adult foster care facility
3 licensing act, 1979 PA 218, MCL 400.701 to 400.737, in which a
4 child has been placed under section 5(6).

5 (d) "Child placing agency" means a governmental organization
6 or an agency organized under the nonprofit corporation act, 1982 PA
7 162, MCL 450.2101 to 450.3192, for the purpose of receiving
8 children for placement in private family homes for foster care or
9 for adoption. The function of a child placing agency may include
10 investigating applicants for adoption and investigating and
11 certifying foster family homes and foster family group homes as
12 provided in this act. The function of a child placing agency may
13 also include supervising children who are at least 16 but less than
14 21 years of age and who are living in unlicensed residences as
15 provided in section 5(4).

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

21 (f) "Children's campsite" means the outdoor setting where a
22 children's residential or day camp is located.

23 (g) "Children's therapeutic group home" means a child caring
24 institution receiving not more than 6 minor children who are
25 diagnosed with a developmental disability as defined in section
26 100a of the mental health code, 1974 PA 258, MCL 330.1100a, or a
27 serious emotional disturbance as defined in section 100d of the
28 mental health code, 1974 PA 258, MCL 330.1100d, and that meets all
29 of the following requirements:

1 (i) Provides care, maintenance, and supervision, usually on a
2 24-hour basis.

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

8 (iii) Is not a private home.

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

10 (h) "Child care center" means a facility, other than a private
11 residence, receiving 1 or more children under 13 years of age for
12 care for periods of less than 24 hours a day, where the parents or
13 guardians are not immediately available to the child. Child care
14 center includes a facility that provides care for not less than 2
15 consecutive weeks, regardless of the number of hours of care per
16 day. The facility is generally described as a child care center,
17 day care center, day nursery, nursery school, parent cooperative
18 preschool, play group, before- or after-school program, or drop-in
19 center. Child care center does not include any of the following:

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

25 (ii) A facility operated by a religious organization where
26 children are in the religious organization's care for not more than
27 3 hours while persons responsible for the children are attending
28 religious services.

29 (iii) A program that is primarily supervised, school-age-child-

1 focused training in a specific subject, including, but not limited
2 to, dancing, drama, music, or religion. This exclusion applies only
3 to the time a child is involved in supervised, school-age-child-
4 focused training.

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

13 (v) A program that primarily provides therapeutic services to
14 a child.

15 (i) "Conviction" means a final conviction, the payment of a
16 fine, a plea of guilty or nolo contendere if accepted by the court,
17 a finding of guilt for a criminal law violation or a juvenile
18 adjudication or disposition by the juvenile division of probate
19 court or family division of circuit court for a violation that if
20 committed by an adult would be a crime, or a conviction in a tribal
21 court or a military court.

22 (j) "Criminal history check" means a fingerprint-based
23 criminal history record information background check through the
24 department of state police and the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

25 (k) "Criminal history record information" means that term as
26 defined in section 1a of 1925 PA 289, MCL 28.241a.

27 (l) "Department" means the department of health and human
28 services and the department of licensing and regulatory affairs or
29 a successor agency or department responsible for licensure under

1 this act. The department of licensing and regulatory affairs is
2 responsible for licensing and regulatory matters for child care
3 centers, group child care homes, family child care homes,
4 children's camps, and children's campsites. The department of
5 health and human services is responsible for licensing and
6 regulatory matters for child caring institutions, child placing
7 agencies, children's therapeutic group homes, foster family homes,
8 and foster family group homes. **However, as used in sections 3i to**
9 **3k, "department" means the department of environment, Great Lakes,**
10 **and energy.**

11 (m) "Eligible" means that the individual obtained the checks
12 and clearances described in sections 5n and 5q and is considered
13 appropriate to obtain a license, to be a member of the household of
14 a group child care home or family child care home, or to be a child
15 care staff member.

16 (n) **"Filtered bottle-filling station" or "station" means an**
17 **apparatus that meets all of the following requirements:**

18 (i) **Is connected to customer site piping.**

19 (ii) **Filters water.**

20 (iii) **Has a light or other device to indicate filter**
21 **performance.**

22 (iv) **Is designed to fill drinking bottles or other containers**
23 **used for personal water consumption.**

24 (o) **"Filtered faucet" means a faucet that includes a filter at**
25 **the point of use.**

26 (p) ~~(n)~~—"Ineligible" means that the individual obtained the
27 checks and clearances as described in sections 5n and 5q and, **under**
28 **section 5n, 5q, or 5r,** is not considered appropriate to obtain a
29 license, to be a member of the household of a group child care home

1 or family child care home, or to be a child care staff member. ~~due~~
2 ~~to violation of section 5n, 5q, or 5r.~~

3 (q) ~~(e)~~—"Private home" means a private residence in which the
4 licensee permanently resides, which residency is not contingent
5 upon caring for children or employment by a child placing agency.
6 Private home includes a full-time foster family home, a full-time
7 foster family group home, a group child care home, or a family
8 child care home, as follows:

9 (i) "Foster family home" means a private home in which 1 but
10 not more than 4 minor children, who are not related to an adult
11 member of the household by blood or marriage, who are not placed in
12 the household under the Michigan adoption code, chapter X of the
13 probate code of 1939, 1939 PA 288, MCL 710.21 to 710.70, or who are
14 not hosted in the private home as provided in the safe families for
15 children act, **2018 PA 434, MCL 722.1551 to 722.1567**, are given care
16 and supervision for 24 hours a day, for 4 or more days a week, for
17 2 or more consecutive weeks, unattended by a parent, legal
18 guardian, or legal custodian.

19 (ii) "Foster family group home" means a private home in which
20 more than 4 but fewer than 7 minor children, who are not related to
21 an adult member of the household by blood or marriage, who are not
22 placed in the household under the Michigan adoption code, chapter X
23 of the probate code of 1939, 1939 PA 288, MCL 710.21 to 710.70, or
24 who are not hosted in the private home as provided in the safe
25 families for children act, **2018 PA 434, MCL 722.1551 to 722.1567**,
26 are provided care for 24 hours a day, for 4 or more days a week,
27 for 2 or more consecutive weeks, unattended by a parent, legal
28 guardian, or legal custodian.

29 (iii) "Family child care home" means a private home in which 1

1 but fewer than 7 minor children are received for care and
2 supervision for compensation for periods of less than 24 hours a
3 day, unattended by a parent or legal guardian, except children
4 related to an adult member of the household by blood, marriage, or
5 adoption. Family child care home includes a home in which care is
6 given to an unrelated minor child for more than 4 weeks during a
7 calendar year. A family child care home does not include an
8 individual providing babysitting services for another individual.
9 As used in this subparagraph, "providing babysitting services"
10 means caring for a child on behalf of the child's parent or
11 guardian when the annual compensation for providing those services
12 does not equal or exceed \$600.00 or an amount that would according
13 to the internal revenue code of 1986 obligate the child's parent or
14 guardian to provide a form 1099-MISC to the individual for
15 compensation paid during the calendar year for those services.

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

23 (r) ~~(p)~~ "Legal custodian" means an individual who is at least
24 18 years of age in whose care a minor child remains or is placed
25 after a court makes a finding under section 13a(5) of chapter XIIIA
26 of the probate code of 1939, 1939 PA 288, MCL 712A.13a.

27 (s) ~~(q)~~ "Licensee" means a person, partnership, firm,
28 corporation, association, nongovernmental organization, or local or
29 state government organization that has been issued a license under

1 this act to operate a child care organization.

2 (t) ~~(r)~~—"Listed offense" means that term as defined in section
3 2 of the sex offenders registration act, 1994 PA 295, MCL 28.722.

4 (u) ~~(s)~~—"Member of the household" means any individual who
5 resides in a family child care home, group child care home, foster
6 family home, or foster family group home on an ongoing basis, or
7 who has a recurrent presence in the home, including, but not
8 limited to, overnight stays. For foster family homes and foster
9 family group homes, a member of the household does not include a
10 foster child. For group child care homes and family child care
11 homes, a member of the household does not include a child to whom
12 child care is being provided.

13 (v) ~~(t)~~—"Original license" means a license issued to a child
14 care organization during the first 6 months of operation indicating
15 that the organization is in compliance with all rules promulgated
16 by the department under this act.

17 (w) ~~(u)~~—"Provisional license" means a license issued to a
18 child care organization that is temporarily unable to conform to
19 the rules promulgated under this act.

20 (x) ~~(v)~~—"Regular license" means a license issued to a child
21 care organization indicating that the organization is in
22 substantial compliance with all rules promulgated under this act
23 and, if there is a deficiency, has entered into a corrective action
24 plan.

25 (y) ~~(w)~~—"Guardian" means the guardian of the person.

26 (z) ~~(x)~~—"Minor child" means any of the following:

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

28 (ii) A person who is a resident in a child caring institution,
29 foster family home, or foster family group home, who is at least 18

1 but less than 21 years of age, and who meets the requirements of
 2 the young adult voluntary foster care act, 2011 PA 225, MCL 400.641
 3 to 400.671.

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

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

20 (B) Three, if the total number of residents is not less than
 21 11 and not more than 14.

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

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

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

28 (aa) ~~(y)~~ "Related" means in the relationship by blood,
 29 marriage, or adoption, as parent, grandparent, great-grandparent,

1 great-great-grandparent, aunt or uncle, great-aunt or great-uncle,
 2 great-great-aunt or great-great-uncle, sibling, stepsibling, nephew
 3 or niece, first cousin or first cousin once removed, and the spouse
 4 of any of the individuals described in this definition, even after
 5 the marriage has ended by death or divorce.

6 **(bb)** ~~(z)~~ "Religious organization" means a church,
 7 ecclesiastical corporation, or group, not organized for pecuniary
 8 profit, that gathers for mutual support and edification in piety or
 9 worship of a supreme deity.

10 **(cc)** ~~(aa)~~ "School-age child" means a child who is eligible to
 11 attend a grade of kindergarten or higher, but is less than 13 years
 12 of age. A child is considered to be a school-age child on the first
 13 day of the school year in which he or she is eligible to attend
 14 school.

15 **(dd)** ~~(bb)~~ "Severe physical injury" means that term as defined
 16 in section 8 of the child protection law, 1975 PA 238, MCL 722.628.

17 **(ee)** ~~(cc)~~ "Licensee designee" means the individual designated
 18 in writing by the board of directors of the corporation or by the
 19 owner or person with legal authority to act on behalf of the
 20 company or organization on licensing matters. The individual must
 21 agree in writing to be designated as the licensee designee. All
 22 license applications must be signed by the licensee in the case of
 23 the individual or by a member of the corporation, company, or
 24 organization.

25 **(ff)** "State drinking water standards" means quality standards
 26 setting limits for contaminant levels or establishing treatment
 27 techniques to meet standards necessary to protect the public
 28 health.

29 **Sec. 3i. (1) By August 1, 2020, each child care center shall**

1 develop a drinking water safety plan. The child care center shall
2 make the plan available to the department, staff, and parents upon
3 request. The plan shall do all of the following:

4 (a) Specify all of the following, by category:

5 (i) Locations where water outlets will be maintained to deliver
6 water for human consumption, whether as drinking water or a
7 component of a food or beverage, using the following categories:

8 (A) Locations where filtered bottle-filling stations will be
9 maintained. The plan shall provide for the maintenance of at least
10 1 station for every 100 occupants of the child care center, not
11 including visitors or those attending special events.

12 (B) Locations where filtered faucets will be maintained.

13 (ii) Locations where water outlets will be maintained for
14 purposes other than as described in subparagraph (i).

15 (iii) Locations of water outlets that will be taken out of
16 service.

17 (b) Establish schedules for each of the following:

18 (i) Annual water sampling and testing for each filtered bottle-
19 filling station and filtered faucet in the child care center to
20 ensure that filters are properly installed and comply with ANSI/NSF
21 standard 53 for lead removal, ANSI/NSF standard 42 for particulate
22 removal, and any other standards for contaminant removal that the
23 department recommends.

24 (ii) Regular replacement of the filter cartridge for each
25 filtered bottle-filling station and filtered faucet in compliance
26 with manufacturer instructions or recommendations of the
27 department.

28 (2) Each child care center shall review and update its
29 drinking water safety plan every 5 years and make changes as needed

1 or as directed by the department to comply with this section.

2 (3) A child care center shall comply with the schedules under
3 subsection (1) (b) .

4 (4) Within 20 days after receiving the results of any testing
5 performed as part of its drinking water safety plan, a child care
6 center shall report the results to the department. Within 30 days
7 after receiving the test results, the child care center shall do
8 both of the following:

9 (a) If the child care center maintains a website, post the
10 test results on its website.

11 (b) Post the test results, as well as information on the
12 health effects of lead exposure and ways to reduce child lead
13 exposure, in a location in its administrative office readily
14 visible to staff and parents.

15 (5) If test results described in subsection (4) indicate the
16 presence of lead at 1 part per billion or more or of any other
17 contaminant at a level exceeding state drinking water standards in
18 a sample from a filtered bottle-filling station or filtered faucet,
19 the child care center shall do all of the following:

20 (a) Immediately shut off or render inoperable the water
21 outlet.

22 (b) Not return the water outlet to service until resampling
23 indicates no exceedance as described in this subsection of lead or
24 any other contaminant.

25 (c) Post a conspicuous sign near the water outlet stating that
26 it is inoperable because of contamination and maintain the posting
27 until the water outlet is returned to service under subdivision
28 (b) .

29 (d) Send a copy of the test results to the department of

1 health and human services and each parent or guardian of a child
2 enrolled in the child care center.

3 (e) Replace the filter or filters for the filtered bottle-
4 filling station or filtered faucet and resample and retest the
5 water.

6 (f) Develop a remediation plan in consultation with the
7 department if an exceedance as described in this subsection of lead
8 or any other contaminant continues after replacement of the filter
9 or filters. The child care center shall incorporate the remediation
10 plan into its drinking water safety plan.

11 Sec. 3j. By August 1, 2021, each child care center shall do
12 all of the following:

13 (a) Install all filtered bottle-filling stations and
14 filtration devices for filtered faucets as indicated in the
15 drinking water safety plan under section 3i and not already in
16 existence.

17 (b) Shut off or render permanently inoperable any outlet for
18 water for human consumption that has not been converted to a
19 filtered bottle-filling station or filtered faucet.

20 (c) Post a conspicuous sign near each water outlet indicating
21 whether or not the outlet is intended to provide water for human
22 consumption.

23 Sec. 3k. The department shall assist each child care center in
24 maintaining compliance with this act. The department shall do all
25 of the following:

26 (a) Provide a template for drinking water safety plans
27 required under section 3i.

28 (b) Provide and maintain a list of approved filtered bottle-
29 filling stations, faucet filtration devices for filtered faucets,

1 and filters and of filter manufacturers, installers, and
2 maintenance providers.

3 (c) Provide guidance on all of the following:

4 (i) Factors that a child care center should consider when
5 selecting filtered bottle-filling stations, filtration devices for
6 filtered faucets, and filters. The department shall give preference
7 to models that minimize plumbing between the filter and the
8 dispensing outlet.

9 (ii) The installation, operation, and maintenance of filtered
10 bottle-filling stations and filtered faucets. The guidance shall
11 include annual training for child care center staff on proper
12 maintenance of filtered bottle-filling stations and filtered
13 faucets.

14 (iii) The proper storage and disposal of a filter for a filtered
15 bottle-filling station or filtered faucet.

16 (iv) How to sample water from a filtered bottle-filling station
17 or filtered faucet for testing for lead or other contaminants.