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## DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Revises definitions pertaining to child in need of care proceedings.

Present law defines "caretaker" as any person legally obligated to provide or secure adequate care for a child, including a parent, tutor, guardian, legal custodian, foster home parent, an employee of a public or private day care center, an operator or employee of a registered family child day care home, or other person who provides a residence for the child.

Proposed law retains present law and adds an employee or operator of an early learning center as defined in present law may also be identified as persons who are legally obligated to provide or secure adequate care for a child.

Proposed law provides that the "caretaker" also means any adult who occupies a residence of a child and has a consistent and continuing responsibility for the care of a child. Proposed law states that a "caretaker" does not include an operator or employee of a correctional facility, detention facility, or nonresidential school.

Proposed law defines "restrictive care facility" as any public or private licensed or unlicensed child care facility, group home, emergency shelter facility, maternity home, psychiatric hospital, or a psychiatric unit located in a state-owned or state-contracted general hospital.

(Amends Ch.C. Art. 603(4))