

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST**ACT 411 (HB 197)****2016 Regular Session****Pylant**

New law provides that it is unlawful for any person or entity to do either of the following:

- (1) Continue to operate a child day care center after notification by the Dept. of Education that the person or entity operating the facility should seek a license.
- (2) Continue to operate a child day care center after the Dept. of Education has revoked a license previously issued to that person or entity.

New law provides for the following penalties:

- (1) On a first offense, a fine of up to \$1,000, imprisonment for up to six months, or both.
- (2) On a second offense, a fine of up to \$2,500, imprisonment for up to six months, or both. New law further provides that the violator will be ineligible to apply for a day care license for up to 24 months.
- (3) On a third or subsequent offense, a fine of up to \$5,000, imprisonment for up to 12 months, or both. New law further provides that the violator will be ineligible to apply for a day care license for up to 48 months.

New law provides that the Dept. of Education is responsible for the investigation to determine whether the facility is required to be licensed by existing law and whether the center is operating without a valid license. New law also provides that the department is to determine the licensing status and collect any evidence necessary with respect to violations of new law. New law further provides that evidence and findings by the department are to be submitted to a law enforcement agency for any arrest.

Effective August 1, 2016.

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