

2020 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 58

BY SENATOR FRED MILLS

CHILDREN. Provides relative to early learning center licensing. (8/1/20)

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AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 17:407.33(A)(3) and to repeal R.S. 17:407.33(A)(8), relative to the licensure of early learning centers; to provide relative to the definition of "child day care center"; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 17:407.33(A)(3) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§407.33. Definitions

A. As used in this Part, the following definitions shall apply unless the context clearly states otherwise:

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(3) "Child day care center" means any place or facility operated by any institution, political subdivision, society, agency, corporation, person or persons, or any other group for the purpose of providing care, supervision, and guidance of seven or more children, ~~not including those related to the caregiver, unaccompanied by parent or legal custodian,~~ on a regular basis for at least twelve and one-half hours in a continuous seven-day week. If a child day care center provides transportation or arranges for transportation to and from the center, either directly or by contract with

1 third parties, all hours during which a child is being transported shall be included in
 2 calculating the hours of operation. A child day care center that remains open for
 3 more than twelve and one-half hours in a continuous seven-day week, and in which
 4 no individual child remains for more than twenty-four hours in one continuous stay
 5 shall be known as a full-time child day care center. A child day care center that
 6 remains open after 9:00 p.m. shall meet the regulations established for nighttime
 7 care.

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9 Section 2. R.S. 17:407.33(A)(8) is hereby repealed.

10 Section 3. This Act shall become effective on August 1, 2020; if vetoed by the
 11 governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become effective on
 12 August 1, 2020, or on the day following such approval by the legislature, whichever is later.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
 of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Cheryl Serrett.

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Present law defines "child day care center" as any place or facility operated by any institution, political subdivision, society, agency, corporation, person or persons, or any other group for the purpose of providing care, supervision, and guidance of seven or more children, not including those related to the caregiver, unaccompanied by parent or legal custodian, on a regular basis for at least twelve and one-half hours in a continuous seven-day week. Present law also defines "related" or "relative" to mean a natural or adopted child or grandchild of the caregiver or a child in the legal custody of the caregiver.

Proposed law removes the exception for children related to the caregiver and deletes the definition of "related" or "relative".

Effective August 1, 2020.

(Amends R.S. 17:407.33(A)(3); repeals R.S. 17:407.33(A)(8))