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WALKO, WOJNAROSKI, YOUNGBLOOD AND YUDICHAK, AUGUST 18, 2005

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN AND YOUTH, AUGUST 18, 2005

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of June 13, 1967 (P.L.31, No.21), entitled "An  
2 act to consolidate, editorially revise, and codify the public  
3 welfare laws of the Commonwealth," providing for development  
4 of regulations for subsidized child day-care providers.

5 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
6 hereby enacts as follows:

7 Section 1. The act of June 13, 1967 (P.L.31, No.21), known  
8 as the Public Welfare Code, is amended by adding a section to  
9 read:

10 Section 215. Regulations for Subsidized Child Day Care  
11 Providers.--(a) The department shall develop regulations for  
12 individuals who directly provide child day care services which  
13 are subsidized in whole or in part by Federal or State funds but  
14 who are not otherwise subject to approval or licensure by the  
15 department under Articles IX and X.

16 (b) The regulations shall cover basic health and safety  
17 issues, including:

1     (1) mandatory criminal and child abuse clearance checks;  
2     (2) prevention and control of infectious diseases;  
3     (3) safety of the physical site, including smoke alarms and  
4 storage of toxic substances, weapons and firearms; and  
5     (4) availability of training for caregivers in child health,  
6 safety and development.

7     (c) The regulations shall include procedures for determining  
8 if a provider subject to this section meets the requirements set  
9 forth in the regulations.

10    (d) No Federal or State funds for child day care services  
11 shall be authorized unless the department determines that the  
12 individual providing the child care is in compliance with the  
13 regulations.

14     Section 2. The Department of Public Welfare shall promulgate  
15 the regulations provided for in section 215 of the act within 60  
16 days of the effective date of this section.

17     Section 3. This act shall take effect immediately.