

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

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AN ACT

1 Amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), entitled "An  
2 act relating to the public school system, including certain  
3 provisions applicable as well to private and parochial  
4 schools; amending, revising, consolidating and changing the  
5 laws relating thereto," providing for educational instruction  
6 in child care centers.

7 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
8 hereby enacts as follows:

9 Section 1. Article XV-D of the act of March 10, 1949  
10 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, is  
11 amended by adding a subarticle to read:

12 (c) Educational Instruction in Child Care Centers

13 Section 1521-D. Definitions.

14 The following words and phrases when used in this subarticle  
15 shall have the meanings given to them in this section unless the  
16 context clearly indicates otherwise:

17 "Child day-care center." The premises in which care is  
18 provided at any one time for seven or more children unrelated to  
19 the operator and is licensed by the Department of Public  
20 Welfare. The term shall not include a group child day-care home

1 as defined in 55 Pa. Code § 3280.4 (relating to definitions) or  
2 a family child day-care home as defined in 55 Pa. Code § 3290.4  
3 (relating to definitions).

4 "Department." The Department of Education of the  
5 Commonwealth.

6 "Head Start Program." The program funded under the Federal  
7 Head Start Act (Public Law 97-35, 42 U.S.C. § 9831 et seq.)  
8 established by the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1981  
9 (Public Law 97-35, 95 Stat. 357) and carried out by a Head Start  
10 agency or delegate agency that provides ongoing comprehensive  
11 child development services.

12 "Pre-K Counts Program." The program established under  
13 section 1512-D.

14 Section 1522-D. Requirement.

15 Any child who is between two years and six months of age and  
16 four years and six months of age and is enrolled in a child day-  
17 care center and is not part of an approved Head Start Program or  
18 a Pre-K Counts Program shall receive instruction aligned to the  
19 appropriate early learning standards for older toddlers and  
20 prekindergarten developed by the Office of Child Development and  
21 Early Learning within the department.

22 Section 1523-D. Curriculum.

23 The curriculum used in any child day-care center shall be  
24 standards-based and must be determined by the department to be  
25 aligned with the early learning standards established by the  
26 department. The department shall assist child day-care centers  
27 in developing a curriculum to comply with this section.

28 Section 1524-D. Assessment.

29 Child day-care centers shall assess children under this  
30 section in a frequency determined by the department and shall

1 report aggregate assessment information to the department for  
2 purposes of child evaluation and reporting child outcomes and  
3 accountability in a manner determined by the department.

4 Section 1525-D. Certified instruction.

5 Child day-care centers shall employ individuals certified in  
6 early childhood education for the purposes of providing  
7 instruction pursuant to this section and shall have an  
8 instructor-to-child ratio of no more than 1 to 20.

9 Section 2. This act shall take effect in two years.