

## AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 2400

Sponsor: REPRESENTATIVE DeLISSIO

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1 Amend Bill, page 1, line 6, by striking out "and" and  
2 inserting  
3 , providing for Keystone STARS Program and further providing

4 Amend Bill, page 2, lines 24 through 26, by striking out  
5 "appropriate" in line 24, all of line 25 and "hiring employees  
6 to count" in line 26 and inserting

7 demonstration of a combination of staff qualifications, work  
8 experience and professional development, quality early childhood  
9 education program activities, partnerships with families and  
10 communities and effective leadership and program management

11 Amend Bill, page 2, lines 27 and 28, by striking out all of  
12 said lines and inserting

13 (d) As used in this section, the following words and phrases  
14 shall have the meanings given to them in this subsection:

15 "Certified child care provider" means:

16 (1) A child care center or family child care home certified  
17 or licensed under Article X.

18 (2) A provider certified or licensed to provide child care  
19 under Article IX.

20 "Keystone STARS" means the standards, training and  
21 professional development, assistance, resources and supports  
22 (STARS) used in the Commonwealth's quality rating and  
23 improvement system for certified child care providers.

24 "STAR" means a level of performance rating for early learning  
25 programs participating in the Keystone STARS Program that  
26 assesses staff education, learning environment, leadership and  
27 management and family and community partnerships.

28 Section 2. Section 1006 of the act is amended to read:

29 Amend Bill, page 3, by inserting between lines 14 and 15

30 Section 3. The act is amended by adding a section to read:

31 Section 1019. Keystone STARS Program.--(a) Each certified  
32 child care provider in the Keystone STARS Program may:

1 (1) Denote on its publicly accessible Internet website, if  
2 operational, its designated STAR-level rating, which shall  
3 include how many STARS that the certified child care provider  
4 has received.

5 (2) Provide, in a linguistically appropriate manner, the  
6 certified child care provider's STAR-level rating and the  
7 publicly accessible Internet website of the department that  
8 includes information on the Keystone STARS Program in writing to  
9 a parent or legal guardian at the time of application.

10 (3) Obtain a department-issued placard that denotes the  
11 certified child care provider's participation in the Keystone  
12 STARS Program and designated STAR-level rating, which may be  
13 displayed in a public-facing location.

14 (b) The department shall be responsible for issuing placards  
15 to program participants in conformance with the following:

16 (1) The placards shall be clear, visible, readable and  
17 linguistically appropriate.

18 (2) The placards shall include the following information:

19 (i) The name of the certified child care provider.

20 (ii) The name of the department.

21 (iii) The date that the department issued the placard.

22 (iv) The number of STARS that the certified child care  
23 provider has received.

24 (v) The address, telephone number, publicly accessible  
25 Internet website that includes information on the Keystone STARS  
26 Program and e-mail address of the department.

27 (c) The department shall issue guidance that establishes a  
28 Keystone STARS rubric which provides a pathway for a certified  
29 child care provider that chooses to participate in the Keystone  
30 STARS Program to move up a STAR level by permitting appropriate  
31 demonstration of a combination of staff qualifications, work  
32 experience and professional development, quality early childhood  
33 education program activities, partnerships with families and  
34 communities and effective leadership and program management when  
35 applying for additional STARS.

36 (d) As used in this section, the following words and phrases  
37 shall have the meanings given to them in this subsection:

38 "Certified child care provider" means:

39 (1) A child care center or family child care home certified  
40 or licensed under Article X.

41 (2) A provider certified or licensed to provide child care  
42 under Article IX.

43 "Keystone STARS" means the standards, training and  
44 professional development, assistance, resources and supports  
45 (STARS) used in the Commonwealth's quality rating and  
46 improvement system for certified child care providers.

47 "STAR" means a level of performance rating for early learning  
48 programs participating in the Keystone STARS Program that  
49 assesses staff education, learning environment, leadership and  
50 management and family and community partnerships.

51 Section 4. Section 1051 of the act is amended to read:

1 Amend Bill, page 3, line 23, by striking out "3" and  
2 inserting  
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