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AN ACT

1 2 3 4 5 6 7	Amending the act of June 13, 1967 (P.L.31, No.21), entitled "An act to consolidate, editorially revise, and codify the public welfare laws of the Commonwealth," providing for training for family day-care providers; providing for an annual State plan for child-care services; further providing for powers and duties of the Department of Public Welfare; and making repeals.
8	The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
9	hereby enacts as follows:
10	Section 1. The heading of Article VI of the act of June 13,
11	1967 (P.L.31, No.21), known as the Public Welfare Code, is
12	amended and the article is amended by adding subarticles to
13	read:
14	ARTICLE VI
15	[THE AGED] <u>CHILD CARE SERVICES</u>

1	(a) General Provisions	
2	Section 601. DefinitionsAs used in this article	
3	"Child care" means care in lieu of parental care given for	
4	part of the twenty-four hour day to children under sixteen years	
5	of age, away from their own homes, but does not include child	
б	care furnished in places of worship during religious services.	
7	"Child care resource and referral agency" means a public or	
8	private nonprofit entity that performs functions related to	
9	child care resource and referral services. The term includes an	
10	association or a corporation.	
11	SECTION 602. LIMITATIONIT IS THE POLICY OF THE	<
12	COMMONWEALTH TO PRESERVE THE PRIMARY RIGHT OF PARENTS OR PERSONS	
13	STANDING IN LOCO PARENTIS TO A CHILD TO CHOOSE THE EDUCATION,	
14	TRAINING AND CARE FOR THE CHILD. NOTHING CONTAINED IN THIS	
15	ARTICLE SHALL EMPOWER THE COMMONWEALTH OR ANY OF ITS OFFICERS,	
16	AGENCIES OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS TO REQUIRE LICENSING OF OR TO	
17	IMPOSE REGULATIONS OR STANDARDS FOR GOVERNMENT APPROVAL	
18	REGARDING THE PROGRAM, ADMINISTRATIVE OR STAFF QUALIFICATIONS,	
19	OR GUIDANCE AND DISCIPLINE AT ANY FACILITY OPERATED BY A BONA	
20	FIDE CHURCH OR OTHER RELIGIOUS BODY WHICH PROVIDES CHILD CARE,	
21	AS A CONDITION OF ELIGIBILITY TO PROVIDE SERVICES FOR WHICH	
22	FEDERAL, STATE OR LOCAL ASSISTANCE IS AVAILABLE, WITHOUT THE	
23	CONSENT OF SAID FACILITY. NOTHING IN THIS ARTICLE IS INTENDED TO	
24	EXEMPT ANY CHILD CARE PROVIDER FROM THE REQUIREMENTS OF 23	
25	PA.C.S. § 6344 (RELATING TO INFORMATION RELATING TO PROSPECTIVE	
26	CHILD-CARE PERSONNEL) OR OTHER STATE-MANDATED HEALTH AND SAFETY	
27	REQUIREMENTS.	
28	(b) Annual Plan and Demonstration Projects	
29	Section 611. Annual State Plan for Child Care Services(a)	
30	Through an annual State plan on child care services, the	
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1	department shall establish goals and objectives and review and
2	assess the State's child care and early childhood development
3	service delivery system, including State efforts to assure the
4	provision of accessible, available and affordable quality child
5	care services to the general public. The plan shall be developed
б	in relation to Statewide and local needs for child care services
7	and shall take into consideration available demographic studies
8	pertaining to child care needs. It shall reflect the needs of
9	families in different social, economic and cultural
10	circumstances and the needs of children of different ages and
11	stages of development and of children with special needs.
12	(b) No later than the first full week in April of each year,
13	the department shall submit to the Aging and Youth Committee and
14	the Appropriations Committee of the Senate, and the Aging and
15	Youth Committee and the Appropriations Committee of the House of
16	<u>Representatives, a preliminary State plan on child care</u>
17	services. A final State plan shall be submitted by the first
18	week of September of each year.
19	(c) In the development and implementation of an annual State
20	plan on child care services, the department shall promote common
21	policies and practices in all child care programs to the fullest
22	extent possible and develop mechanisms for interagency
23	collaboration to create a coordinated State child care and early
24	childhood development delivery system. This shall include
25	consistency in the application process, reimbursement rates,
26	income eligibility criteria and parent fee scales.
27	(d) To prepare the preliminary State plan, the department
28	shall hold at least four public hearings in different geographic
29	locations in this Commonwealth to seek input and recommendations
30	from parents, child development professionals, child care
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1	providers, child advocates, educators, representatives of local
2	government, health and human service organizations, health
3	professionals, labor organizations, businesses, school officials
4	and any other individuals or agencies interested in child care
5	issues.
б	(e) The preliminary and final State plan shall include, but
7	not be limited to, the following information:
8	(1) The amount of Federal, State and local funds expended
9	for child care services and early childhood development programs
10	and the allocation of these funds. Funding shall include, but
11	not be limited to, funding through the Social Services Block
12	<u>Grant Act (Public Law 97-35, 42 U.S.C. § 1397 et seq.), Title IV</u>
13	of the Social Security Act (Public Law 74-271, 42 U.S.C. § 601
14	et seq.) and the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of
15	1990 at section 5082 of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of
16	<u> 1990 (Public Law 101-508, 104 Stat. 1388).</u>
17	(2) A State profile of child care and early childhood
18	development programs in this Commonwealth with information
19	regarding a description of the various types of child care
20	services and early childhood development programs available in
21	this Commonwealth, including, but not limited to, child day care
22	centers, group day care homes, family day care homes, school-age
23	programs, sick care programs and Headstart programs.
24	(3) The number of child care slots; the type of care by age
25	utilized by children assisted with Federal, State and local
26	funds, including Headstart and school-age child care programs;
27	the unduplicated number of children who fill these slots; the
28	funding source for the slots; and the child care capacity of
29	regulated providers.
30	(4) Income eligibility guidelines for Federally and State
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1	funded child care services, sliding fee scales, and the extent
2	to which the income guidelines and fee scales are adjusted to
3	reflect the most recent available State income data.
4	(5) The State's practices regarding the monitoring of child
5	care programs to ensure the health, safety and welfare of
б	children. In describing the monitoring system, the department
7	shall identify the extent of announced and unannounced
8	inspections of child care providers, the level of compliance
9	with State standards and the staff-to-provider ratio to
10	accomplish this task. Recommendations on ways to improve both
11	the enforcement and monitoring of standards and compliance with
12	standards shall also be included.
13	(6) The department's coordination, identification or
14	arrangement of training for child care providers in specific
15	program areas that are designed to improve the quality of child
16	care. The department shall identify any Federal, State, local or
17	private funding allocated for training, the objectives of the
18	training, the way in which training will be accomplished and an
19	evaluation of the previous year's training programs.
20	(7) An analysis of any recent demonstration projects
21	established by the department using Federal or State funds, or
22	both, along with a summary of the cost of the projects and the
23	department's findings and recommendations.
24	(8) A summary of any recent reports, data or surveys
25	concerning the compensation of child care workers, including
26	loan forgiveness programs for child care and early childhood
20	development professionals, the State's reimbursement rates and
28	any changes in rates recommended by the department.
29	(9) A summary of available demographic studies related to
30	child care needs, and a summary of the department's efforts to

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1 include this information in the State plan.

2	(10) Efforts by the private sector and State and local
3	government to encourage employer-sponsored child care services
4	and policies aimed at addressing child care needs of working
5	parents.
6	(11) Identification of the responsibilities or programs of
7	various State departments with respect to child care services
8	and the extent to which coordination between agencies is
9	addressed. The department will describe its responsibilities,
10	under various program offices, as well as those of the
11	Department of Aging, the Department of Commerce, the Department
12	of Community Affairs, the Department of Education, the
13	Department of Health, and the Department of Labor and Industry.
14	(12) Standards developed for child care providers who are
15	not required to be regulated by State law and who receive
16	payment through a Federal or State child care program. These
17	standards shall relate to the health, safety and developmental
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1 delivery system that is designed to meet the needs of eligible children and families. In furtherance of that goal, it shall be 2 3 the department's responsibility in the development of a child 4 care service delivery system and in its policies and procedures to support, to the fullest extent possible, a stable, diverse 5 source of child care providers from which parents can choose 6 7 quality child care that is affordable and accessible. 8 (b) The department and any entity with whom the department 9 contracts to administer public funds for child care shall have 10 the right to enter into contracts with child care providers for 11 a specific number of slots and shall not require competitive bidding for the child care contracts if any of the following 12 13 conditions exist: 14 (1) The provider primarily serves low-income families. 15 (2) The facility is located in the low-income community where the children and their families reside. 16 (3) Transportation from the community to alternative child 17 18 care facilities would impose hardships on parents. (4) The providers meet special needs of parents and 19 20 children, including, but not limited to, children with 21 developmental disabilities and foreign speaking populations. 22 (5) The loss of service will have an adverse impact on 23 parents in need of child care in that community. 24 Section 613. Demonstration Projects and Evaluation .-- (a) 25 The department shall have the authority to develop demonstration 26 projects to test new concepts and methods in delivering child care services on a trial basis. Such project shall be 27 28 distributed equitably on a geographic basis throughout this 29 Commonwealth. (b) The evaluation of a demonstration project shall be 30

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1	required if Federal or State funds are used to finance the
2	project. An evaluation shall set forth the department's goals
3	and objectives for the project, a detailed description of it,
4	pertinent information and data collected, the costs associated
5	with the demonstration and findings and recommendations. The
6	evaluation shall include an explanation regarding the extent to
7	which the department's original goals and objectives were
8	achieved and what modifications were required during the
9	project.
10	(c) The evaluation of a demonstration project of twelve
11	months or less in duration, shall be submitted to the Aging and
12	Youth Committee and the Appropriations Committee of the Senate,
13	and the Aging and Youth Committee and the Appropriations
14	Committee of the House of Representatives within eighteen months
15	of the project's inception. In the event that a demonstration
16	project is in operation for more than twelve months, an interim
17	evaluation shall be submitted to the same committees within
18	eighteen months of the project's inception, and a final
19	evaluation shall be submitted within six months of the
20	completion of the project. No demonstration project can be
21	funded as a demonstration for more than three years.
22	Section 614. Establishment of Child Care Resource and
23	Referral Demonstration Projects(a) The department shall
24	establish four demonstration projects to be distributed
25	equitably on a geographic basis throughout this Commonwealth to
26	evaluate the development, maintenance and expansion of quality
27	child care for the general public through child care resource
28	and referral programs. In addition, these demonstration projects
29	shall assess the role of a child care resource and referral
30	agency in furthering the department's goal to improve access to
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1	child care, quality of child care, monitoring of child care and	
2	planning for child care services. The administration of public	
3	funding for subsidized child care programs shall not be a	
4	required function of a demonstration project.	
5	(b) The projects established under subsection (a) shall	
б	operate for at least two years. They may be continued if funding	
7	<u>is available.</u>	
8	Section 615. EligibilityA child care resource and	
9	referral agency is eligible to provide a demonstration project	
10	under section 614 if it can demonstrate, through past	
11	performance or current service, ability to effectively perform	
12	the functions under section 616 and if it can provide evidence	
13	that it has served low-income families.	
14	Section 616. FunctionA child care resource and referral	
15	agency must provide, at a minimum, the following services:	
16	(1) Identification of all regulated child care services in a	
17	defined geographical and service-delivery area.	
18	(2) Maintenance of a regularly updated resource file of	
19	services and vacancies.	
20	(3) Public education about the availability, cost, standards	
21	and types of child care programs in a defined geographical and	
22	<u>service-delivery area.</u>	
23	(4) Assistance to parents in evaluating child care needs and	
24	appropriateness of types of care.	
25	(5) Referrals to child care services near the home, work	
26	area, or facility where the parent is attending school or	
27	receiving job training.	
28	(6) Providing caregivers with training workshops, assistance	
29	in filling vacancies, advocacy for attaining professional	
30	status, opportunities for sharing information and experiences	
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1	and access to ongoing educational certification programs.
2	(7) Provision of start-up information, including information
3	on relevant child care laws and regulations, for potential child
4	care providers to stimulate the supply of child care resources.
5	(8) Ability to respond to requests from businesses for
6	information or services designed to meet the child care needs of
7	their employes.
8	(9) Documentation and tabulation of data pertaining to
9	parent requests, consumer complaints and employer-sponsored
10	child care services that will assist in community and State
11	planning and identification of needs.
12	(10) Procedures for handling complaints related to child day
13	care programs and referral of day care programs under
14	investigation by the department.
15	(11) Establishment of procedures that ensure the
16	confidentiality of children and parents who utilize the agency's
17	services.
18	Section 617. Establishment of FeesA child care resource
19	and referral agency may establish reasonable fees where
20	necessary, subject to the approval of the department, to defray
21	the cost of child care resource and referral services.
22	Section 618. ReportsWithin eighteen months of the
23	inception of a demonstration project under section 614, the
24	department shall submit to the Aging and Youth Committee of the
25	Senate and the Appropriations Committee of the Senate and the
26	Aging and Youth Committee of the House of Representatives and
27	the Appropriations Committee of the House of Representatives an
28	interim report that describes the demonstration projects
29	selected by the department as provided for in section 613. A
30	final report shall be submitted to the same committees within
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1	six months of a project's completion. The report shall include,
2	along with recommendations, the department's findings relating
3	to numbers of parents and children served; extent of assistance
4	given to caregivers, parents and employes; cost of child care
5	resource and referral services; the availability of private,
б	corporate and government funding for the development and
7	maintenance of resource and referral agencies; and the project's
8	impact on quality and availability of child care in a
9	geographically defined area.
10	<u>(c)</u> Training
11	Section 631. Training for Family Day Care Providers(a)
12	The department shall arrange for training for prospective and
13	current family day care providers. The training shall cover, at
14	a minimum, the following areas, as they relate to child care:
15	(1) First aid and basic safety, resulting in certification
16	in standard first aid and community cardiopulmonary
17	resuscitation.
18	(2) Child development, including information on
19	characteristics of infants and preschool and school-age children
20	that can assist caregivers in nurturing the physical, social,
21	emotional and intellectual growth of each child.
22	(3) Nutrition, including the Child Care Food Program
23	sponsored by the United States Department of Agriculture.
24	(4) Health care and hygiene, including washing hands before
25	handling food, care of diapers and toilet areas.
26	(5) Small business management skills, including budgets and
27	recordkeeping.
28	(6) Discipline and guidance of children.
29	(7) Creative programming and development of proper learning
30	environments for children.
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(8) Utilization of community resources.

2 (9) Development of communication skills of caregivers with
3 parents and families.

4 (b) The department shall encourage but not require family
5 day care providers to participate in the training made available
6 under this section.

7 Section 2. The definition of "children's institutions" in 8 section 901 of the act, amended December 5, 1980 (P.L.1112, 9 No.193), is amended to read:

Section 901. Definitions. -- As used in this article --10 11 "Children's institutions" means any incorporated or unincorporated organization, society, corporation or agency, 12 13 public or private, which may receive or care for children, or place them in foster family homes, either at board, wages or 14 15 free; or any individual who, for hire, gain or reward, receives for care a child, unless he is related to such child by blood or 16 17 marriage within the second degree; or any individual, not in the 18 regular employ of the court or of an organization, society, 19 association or agency, duly certified by the department, who in 20 any manner becomes a party to the placing of children in foster homes, unless he is related to such children by blood or 21 22 marriage within the second degree, or is the duly appointed 23 guardian thereof. [The term shall not include a family day care home in which care is provided in lieu of parental care to six 24 25 or less children for part of a twenty-four hour day.] The term 26 shall include a nonprofit family day care agency that is 27 operated by or under the authority of a bona fide church or 28 other religious organization and that administers any family day care home in which care is provided at any one time to four 29 through six children who are not relatives of the caregiver. 30 19910H1143B1935 - 12 -

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2	SECTION 3. THE ACT IS AMENDED BY ADDING A SECTION TO READ:	<
3	SECTION 923. LIMITATIONIT IS THE POLICY OF THE	
4	COMMONWEALTH TO PRESERVE THE PRIMARY RIGHT OF PARENTS OR PERSONS	
5	STANDING IN LOCO PARENTIS TO A CHILD TO CHOOSE THE EDUCATION,	
6	TRAINING AND CARE FOR THE CHILD. NOTHING CONTAINED IN THIS	
7	ARTICLE SHALL EMPOWER THE COMMONWEALTH OR ANY OF ITS OFFICERS,	
8	AGENCIES OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS TO REQUIRE LICENSING OR	
9	APPROVAL OF OR TO IMPOSE REGULATIONS OR STANDARDS FOR GOVERNMENT	
10	APPROVAL REGARDING THE PROGRAM, ADMINISTRATIVE OR STAFF	
11	QUALIFICATIONS, OR GUIDANCE AND DISCIPLINE AT ANY FACILITY	
12	OPERATED BY A BONA FIDE CHURCH OR OTHER RELIGIOUS BODY WHICH	
13	PROVIDES CHILD CARE, WITHOUT THE CONSENT OF THE FACILITY.	
14	NOTHING IN THIS ARTICLE IS INTENDED TO EXEMPT ANY CHILD CARE	
15	PROVIDER FROM THE REQUIREMENTS OF 23 PA.C.S. § 6344 (RELATING TO	
16	INFORMATION RELATING TO PROSPECTIVE CHILD-CARE PERSONNEL) OR	
17	OTHER STATE-MANDATED HEALTH AND SAFETY REQUIREMENTS.	
18	Section $\frac{3}{2}$ 4. The definition of "facility" in section 1001 of	<
19	the act, amended December 21, 1988 (P.L.1883, No.185), is	
20	amended and the section is amended by adding definitions to	
21	read:	
22	Section 1001. DefinitionsAs used in this article	
23	* * *	
24	"Agency-affiliated family day care home" means a family day	
25	care home which operates under the auspices of a family day care	
26	agency through a contractual arrangement with a family day care	
27	home and which provides family day care only to children	
28	referred by the family day care agency.	
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30	"Facility" means an adult day care center, <u>agency-affiliated</u>	
30	"Facility" means an adult day care center, <u>agency-affiliated</u>	

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1 <u>family day care home</u>, child day care center, <u>family day care</u>
2 <u>agency</u>, family day care home, boarding home for children, mental
3 health establishment, personal care home, nursing home, hospital
4 or maternity home, as defined herein, and shall not include
5 those operated by the State or Federal governments or those
6 supervised by the department.

7 "Family day care agency" means a social service agency which 8 administers family day care programs, including the recruitment, screening and selection of family day care homes, and which, 9 10 through contractual arrangements with family caregivers, performs administrative functions that include, but are not 11 12 limited to, training of caregivers; technical assistance; intake 13 and referral of children to family day care homes; monitoring and inspection of the agency's family day care homes; evaluation 14 15 of children's development, the family caregiver's daily program 16 and the family careqiver; consultation and assistance to parents and children; referral of children and parents to health, social 17 18 services and food and nutrition programs when appropriate; and furnishing child care equipment to family day care homes. The 19 20 term shall not include a nonprofit agency which is operated by 21 or under the authority of a bona fide church or other religious organization and which is supervised by the department under 22 23 Article IX. 24 "Family day care home" means any home in which child day care is provided at any one time to four through six children who are 25 26 not relatives of the caregiver. The term shall not include a

27 home operated under the auspices of a nonprofit agency which is

28 operated by a bona fide church or other religious organization

29 and which is supervised by the department under Article IX.

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1 Section 4 5. The act is amended by adding sections to read: 2 Section 1010. Additional Requirements for Family Day Care 3 Homes.--(a) In a family day care home, all of the following 4 apply: 5 (1) There may be no more than two children under eighteen months of age in care. This clause includes foster children and 6 relatives of the careqiver. 7 8 (2) Each floor level used by children in a family day care 9 home must have at least two exits, one of which may be a window. 10 At least one exit from each floor level must provide a direct 11 means of unobstructed travel to the outside at street or ground 12 level. 13 (3) A window of a type which may be readily opened and of 14 proper size and design to allow for evacuation must be provided 15 as a second exit. 16 (4) A room or space, including an attic, which is accessible 17 only by a ladder, folding stairway or through a trap door may 18 not be used by children. 19 (5) A family day care home careqiver shall have an initial 20 health assessment structured to identify health conditions which 21 would adversely affect the careqiver's ability to provide child 22 care. The same health requirements shall apply to other members of the caregiver's household who have direct contact with any 23 24 child in care. The careqiver shall be required to report to the 25 department any significant changes in health status that would 26 adversely affect the caregiver's ability to provide child care. 27 (6) A family day care home caregiver must be at least twenty-one years of age. 28 (b) Family day care homes shall comply with regulations 29 30 promulgated by the department.

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1	(c) An agency-affiliated family day care home is not	
2	required to apply for a separate license as a family day care	
3	home. Under the supervision of a family day care agency, an	
4	agency-affiliated family day care home shall comply with this	
5	section and regulations promulgated under section 1011.	
6	Section 1011. Regulations(a) The department has the	
7	power and duty to promulgate regulations to implement this	
8	article.	
9	(b) In the development of regulations, the department shall	
10	consider standards and recommendations relating to family day	
11	care and family day care home providers that have been developed	
12	by the Child Welfare League of America and the National	
13	Association for the Education of Young Children.	
14	Section 5 6. Section 1016 of the act, amended July 15, 1976	<
15	(P.L.993, No.202), is amended to read:	
16	Section 1016. Right to Enter and Inspect <u>(A)</u> For the	<
17	purpose of determining the suitability of the applicants and of	
18	the premises or whether or not any premises in fact qualifies as	
19	a facility as defined in section 1001 of this act or the	
20	continuing conformity of the licensees to this act and to the	
21	applicable regulations of the department, any authorized agent	
22	of the department shall have the right to enter, visit and	
23	inspect any facility licensed or requiring a license under this	
24	act and shall have full and free access to the records of the	
25	facility and to the individuals therein and full opportunity to	
26	interview, inspect or examine such individuals.	
27	(B) An authorized agent of the department shall also confer	<
28	with the operators of facilities regarding the minimum standards	
29	of the department, encourage the adoption of higher standards	
30	and recommend methods of improving care and services.	

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1	(C) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL HAVE THE RIGHT TO ENTER AND INSPECT	<—	
2	ANY FAMILY DAY CARE HOME, WHETHER OR NOT SUCH FACILITY IS		
3	OPERATED UNDER THE AUSPICES OF A FAMILY DAY CARE AGENCY.		
4	(D) If an authorized agent of the department is refused	<	
5	access for an investigation under this section, the department		
б	may apply to a court of competent jurisdiction for an		
7	administrative inspection warrant. For purposes of a warrant		
8	under this section, probable cause that this article has been		
9	violated consists of a statement by the authorized agent of the		
10	department that access for an inspection under this section has		
11	been sought and refused. An administrative inspection warrant is		
12	enforceable as any other warrant issued by a court.		
13	Section $\frac{6}{7}$. Section 1031 of the act is amended to read:	<	
14	Section 1031. Violation; Penalty <u>(a)</u> Any person operating		
15	a facility within this Commonwealth without a license required		
16	by this act, shall upon conviction thereof in a summary		
17	proceeding be sentenced to pay a fine of not less than twenty-		
18	five dollars (\$25) nor more than three hundred dollars (\$300),		
19	and costs of prosecution, and in default of the payment thereof		
20	to undergo imprisonment for not less than ten days nor more than		
21	thirty days. Each day of operating a facility without a license		
22	required by this act shall constitute a separate offense.		
23	(b) In addition to the criminal penalty in subsection (a),		
24	the department may assess a civil penalty of five hundred		
25	dollars (\$500) against a person found to be operating a facility		
26	within this Commonwealth without a license required by this act.		
27	Penalty assessment under this subsection shall conform to 2		
28	Pa.C.S. Ch. 5 Subch. A (relating to practice and procedure of		
29	Commonwealth agencies) and Ch. 7 Subch. A (relating to judicial		
30	review of Commonwealth agency action).		
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1 (1) A provider charged with violations of this act shall have thirty days to pay the assessed penalty in full. If the 2 3 provider wishes to contest either the amount of the penalty or 4 the fact of the violation, the party shall forward the proposed 5 amount to the secretary for placement in an escrow account with the State Treasurer. 6 7 (2) If through administrative hearing or judicial review of the fine it is determined that no violation occurred or that the 8 9 amount is less than the amount required to be forwarded by the 10 provider, the secretary shall remit the appropriate amount to 11 the provider within thirty days, together with any interest accumulated on that amount by the escrow deposit. 12 13 (3) Failure to forward the payment to the secretary within 14 thirty days shall result in a waiver of rights to contest the 15 fact of the violation or the amount of the penalty. The amount 16 assessed after administrative hearing or a waiver of the 17 administrative hearing shall be payable to the Commonwealth and 18 shall be collectible in the manner provided by law for the collection of debts. If a provider liable to pay a penalty 19 20 neglects or refuses to pay it after demand, failure to pay shall 21 constitute a judgment in favor of the Commonwealth in the amount 22 of the fine, together with the interest and any costs that may 23 accrue. 24 (4) Fees or fines collected by the department from child 25 care providers shall be placed in a special restricted receipt 26 account and shall be used to provide technical assistance to 27 providers to meet standards for child day care and to improve 28 the quality of care provided in child day care programs. Section 7 8. Sections 1070, 1071, 1072, 1073, 1074, 1075, 29 30 1076, 1077, 1078, 1079 and 1080 of the act are repealed. 19910H1143B1935

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Section 8 9. The Department of Public Welfare shall comply
 with the following time schedules:

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3 Within 90 days of the effective date of this (1)4 section, the department shall submit proposed rulemaking 5 under section 1011 of the act to the Legislative Reference 6 Bureau for publication in the Pennsylvania Bulletin. Within 180 days of the effective date of this 7 (2) 8 section, the department shall submit final rulemaking on the 9 proposal under paragraph (1) to the Legislative Reference Bureau for publication in the Pennsylvania Bulletin. The 10 regulations shall take effect within one year of the 11 12 effective date of this section. 13 Section 9 10. This act shall take effect as follows: (1) The following provisions shall take effect 14 15 immediately: (i) The addition of section 1011 of the act. 16 The amendment of sections 1016 and 1031 of the 17 (ii) 18 act. (iii) Section 8 9 of this act. 19 20 (iv) This section. 21 (2) The repeal of sections 1070 through 1080 of the act 22 shall take effect upon the effective date of the regulations 23 promulgated under section θ 9 of this act. 24 The amendment or addition of sections 901, 1001 and (3) 25 1010 of the act shall take effect in one year. 26 (4) The remainder of this act shall take effect in 60 27 days.