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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," in departmental powers and
4 duties as to supervision, providing for Keystone STARS
5 Program; and, in departmental powers and duties as to
6 licensing, further providing for fees and for definition.

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

9 Section 1. The act of June 13, 1967 (P.L.31, No.21), known
10 as the Human Services Code, is amended by adding a section to
11 read:

12 Section 923. Keystone STARS Program.--(a) Each certified
13 child care provider in the Keystone STARS Program may:

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

18 (2) Provide, in a linguistically appropriate manner, the
19 certified child care provider's STAR-level rating and the

1 publicly accessible Internet website of the department that
2 includes information on the Keystone STARS Program in writing to
3 a parent or legal guardian at the time of application.

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

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

10 (1) The placards shall be clear, visible, readable and
11 linguistically appropriate.

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

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

14 (ii) The name of the department.

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

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

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

21 (c) The department shall issue guidance that establishes a
22 Keystone STARS rubric which provides a pathway for a certified
23 child care provider that chooses to participate in the Keystone
24 STARS Program to move up a STAR level by permitting appropriate
25 work experience in lieu of formal educational credentials when
26 hiring employees to count when applying for additional STARS.

27 Section 2. Sections 1006 and 1051 of the act are amended to
28 read:

29 Section 1006. Fees.--Annual licenses shall be issued when
30 the proper fee, if required, is received by the department and

1 all the other conditions prescribed in this act are met. For
2 personal care homes, the fee shall be an application fee. The
3 fees shall be:

| 4 Facility | Annual Fee |
|------------------------------------|------------|
| 5 Adult day care center | \$ 15 |
| 6 Mental health establishment | 50 |
| 7 Personal care home-- 0 - 20 beds | 15 |
| 8 -- 21 - 50 beds | 20 |
| 9 -- 51 - 100 beds | 30 |
| 10 --101 beds and above | 50 |

11 No fee shall be required for the annual license in the case of
12 [day] child care centers, family child care homes, boarding
13 homes for children or for public or nonprofit mental
14 institutions.

15 Section 1051. Definition.--As used in this subarticle--

16 "Private institution" means any of the following facilities
17 by whatever term known and irrespective of the age group served:
18 Mental hospital, institution for the mentally defective, [day]
19 child care center, nursing home, hospital, personal care home,
20 assisted living residence and other similar institution which is
21 operated for profit and which requires a license issued by the
22 department.

23 Section 3. This act shall take effect in 180 days.