

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 1949 Session of
1997

INTRODUCED BY WASHINGTON, JOSEPHS, JAMES, MYERS AND KIRKLAND,
OCTOBER 22, 1997

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON AGING AND YOUTH, OCTOBER 22, 1997

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," further providing for
4 regulations.

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

7 Section 1. The definition of "child day care center" in
8 section 1001 of the act of June 13, 1967 (P.L.31, No.21), known
9 as the Public Welfare Code, amended December 21, 1988 (P.L.1883,
10 No.185), is amended to read:

11 Section 1001. Definitions.--As used in this article--

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13 "Child day care center" means any premises operated for
14 profit in which child day care is provided simultaneously for
15 seven or more children [who are not relatives of the operator],
16 except such centers operated under social service auspices.

17 Section 2. Sections 1070 and 1076 of the act, added December
18 5, 1980 (P.L.1112, No.193), are amended to read:

1 Section 1070. Definitions.--As used in this article.--

2 "Child day care" means care in lieu of parental care given
3 for part of the twenty-four hour day to children away from their
4 own homes.

5 "Family day care home" means any home in which child day care
6 is provided at any one time to [four] one through six children
7 [who are not relatives of the caregiver].

8 Section 1076. Regulations.--The department is hereby
9 authorized and empowered to adopt regulations establishing
10 minimum and reasonable standards for the operation of family day
11 care homes and the issuance of registration certificates. These
12 regulations will establish the minimum standards of safety and
13 care which will be required in family day care homes and will
14 recognize the vital role which parents and guardians play in
15 monitoring the care provided in family day care homes. The
16 regulations shall provide that all day care providers be
17 required to be registered and be checked for records of criminal
18 activity or child abuse as part of the preregistration
19 procedure.

20 Section 3. This act shall take effect in 60 days.