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YUDICHAK, WALKO AND ORIE, MARCH 2, 1999

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON AGING AND YOUTH, MARCH 2, 1999

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," providing for development
4 of regulations for subsidized child day-care providers.

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

7 Section 1. The act of June 13, 1967 (P.L.31, No.21), known
8 as the Public Welfare Code, is amended by adding a section to
9 read:

10 Section 215. Regulations for Subsidized Child Day Care
11 Providers.--(a) The department shall develop regulations for
12 individuals who directly provide child day care services which
13 are subsidized in whole or in part by Federal or State funds but
14 who are not otherwise subject to approval or licensure by the
15 department under Articles IX and X.

16 (b) The regulations shall cover basic health and safety

1 issues, including:

2 (1) mandatory criminal and child abuse clearance checks;

3 (2) prevention and control of infectious diseases;

4 (3) safety of the physical site, including smoke alarms and

5 storage of toxic substances, weapons and firearms; and

6 (4) availability of training for caregivers in child health,

7 safety and development.

8 (c) The regulations shall include procedures for determining

9 if a provider subject to this section meets the requirements set

10 forth in the regulations.

11 (d) No Federal or State funds for child day care services

12 shall be authorized unless the department determines that the

13 individual providing the child care is in compliance with the

14 regulations.

15 Section 2. The Department of Public Welfare shall promulgate
16 the regulations provided for in section 215 of the act within 60
17 days of the effective date of this act.

18 Section 3. This act shall take effect immediately.