
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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WATSON, DALEY, DONATUCCI AND BRADFORD, AUGUST 24, 2017

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN AND YOUTH, AUGUST 24, 2017

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 participants.

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

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

11 Section 923. Keystone STARS Program Participants.--(a) Each
12 child day care provider enrolled in the Keystone STARS Program
13 shall:

14 (1) conspicuously denote on its publicly accessible Internet
15 website, if operational, its designated STAR-level rating,
16 which shall include how many STARS out of four that the child
17 day care provider has received; and

18 (2) obtain a department-issued placard that denotes the
19 facility's participation in the Keystone STARS Program and

1 designated STAR-level rating.

2 (b) The department shall be responsible for issuing placards
3 to program enrollees. The department shall also be responsible
4 for designing placards in the following manner:

5 (1) The placards shall be clear, visible and readable by the
6 general public.

7 (2) In addition to any guidelines issued by the department
8 regarding the form of the placards, placards shall include the
9 following information:

10 (i) The name of the recipient facility.

11 (ii) The name of the agency that issued the placard.

12 (iii) The date the agency issued the placard.

13 (iv) The number of STARS out of four that the child day care
14 provider has received.

15 (v) The address, phone number, publicly accessible Internet
16 website and e-mail address of the agency that issued the
17 placard.

18 (c) Placards shall be posted in any public-facing window on
19 or adjacent to the entrance of the child day care facility.

20 (d) A child day care provider that fails to publicly display
21 its designated STAR-level rating or alters a department-issued
22 placard in an attempt to misrepresent the facility's STAR-level
23 rating may be subject to any penalties that the department deems
24 appropriate.

25 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 180 days.