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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 participants; and, in departmental powers and duties
6 as to licensing, further providing for fees, providing for
7 Keystone STARS Program participants and further providing for
8 definition.

9 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
10 hereby enacts as follows:

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

14 Section 923. Keystone STARS Program Participants.--(a) Each
15 child care provider enrolled in the Keystone STARS Program
16 shall:

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

1 (2) provide its STAR-level rating in writing to families at
2 the time of application and enrollment; and

3 (3) obtain a department-issued placard that denotes the
4 child care provider's participation in the Keystone STARS
5 Program and designated STAR-level rating.

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

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

12 (2) In addition to any guidelines issued by the department
13 regarding the form of the placards, placards shall include the
14 following information:

15 (i) The name of the recipient child care provider.
16 (ii) The name of the department.
17 (iii) The date the department issued the placard.
18 (iv) The number of STARS out of four that the child care
19 provider has received.

20 (v) The address, phone number, publicly accessible Internet
21 website and e-mail address of the department.

22 (vi) The web address for the publicly accessible Internet
23 website of the department that provides information and
24 resources related to the Keystone STARS Program.

25 (c) Placards shall be posted in any public-facing window on
26 or adjacent to the entrance of the child care provider or, if no
27 public-facing window exists, at the entrance of the child care
28 provider.

29 (d) The department shall ensure on an annual basis that the
30 placard is posted and accurate.

1 (e) A child care provider that fails to publicly display its
2 designated STAR-level rating or alters a department-issued
3 placard in an attempt to misrepresent its STAR-level rating may
4 be cited for noncompliance by the department and may be subject
5 to a one STAR-level rating for two years.

6 Section 2. Section 1006 of the act is amended to read:

7 Section 1006. Fees.--Annual licenses shall be issued when
8 the proper fee, if required, is received by the department and
9 all the other conditions prescribed in this act are met. For
10 personal care homes, the fee shall be an application fee. The
11 fees shall be:

12 Facility	Annual Fee
13 Adult day care center	\$ 15
14 Mental health establishment	50
15 Personal care home-- 0 - 20 beds	15
16 -- 21 - 50 beds	20
17 -- 51 - 100 beds	30
18 --101 beds and above	50

19 No fee shall be required for the annual license in the case of
20 [day] child care centers, family child care homes, boarding
21 homes for children or for public or nonprofit mental
22 institutions.

23 Section 3. The act is amended by adding a section to read:

24 Section 1019. Keystone STARS Program Participants.--(a)
25 Each child care center and family child care home enrolled in
26 the Keystone STARS Program shall:

27 (1) conspicuously denote on its publicly accessible Internet
28 website, if operational, its designated STAR-level rating,
29 which shall include how many STARS out of four that the child
30 care center or family child care home has received;

1 (2) provide its STAR-level rating in writing to families at
2 the time of application and enrollment; and

3 (3) obtain a department-issued placard that denotes the
4 child care center's or family child care home's participation in
5 the Keystone STARS Program and designated STAR-level rating.

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

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

12 (2) In addition to any guidelines issued by the department
13 regarding the form of the placards, placards shall include the
14 following information:

15 (i) The name of the recipient child care center or family
16 child care home.

17 (ii) The name of the department.

18 (iii) The date the department issued the placard.

19 (iv) The number of STARS out of four that the child care
20 center or family child care home has received.

21 (v) The address, phone number, publicly accessible Internet
22 website and e-mail address of the department.

23 (vi) The web address for the publicly accessible Internet
24 website of the department that provides information and
25 resources related to the Keystone STARS Program.

26 (c) Placards shall be posted in any public-facing window on
27 or adjacent to the entrance of the child care center or family
28 child care home or, if no public-facing window exists, at the
29 entrance of the child care center or family child care home.

30 (d) The department shall ensure on an annual basis that the

1 placard is posted and accurate.

2 (e) A child care center or family child care home that fails
3 to publicly display its designated STAR-level rating or alters a
4 department-issued placard in an attempt to misrepresent its
5 STAR-level rating may be cited for noncompliance by the
6 department and may be subject to a one STAR-level rating for two
7 years.

8 Section 4. Section 1051 of the act is amended to read:

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

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

17 Section 5. This act shall take effect in 180 days.