

1 ENGROSSED SENATE  
2 BILL NO. 1211

By: Griffin of the Senate

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4 Cockroft and Munson of the  
5 House

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7 [ child care facilities - minimum requirements -  
8 certain subcommittees - Oklahoma Commission on  
9 Children and Youth - effective date ]  
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11 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

12 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 10 O.S. 2011, Section 404, as last  
13 amended by Section 3, Chapter 308, O.S.L. 2013 (10 O.S. Supp. 2015,  
14 Section 404), is amended to read as follows:

15 Section 404. A. 1. The Department of Human Services shall  
16 appoint advisory committees of representatives of child care  
17 facilities and others to:

- 18 a. prepare minimum requirements and desirable standards  
19 for promulgation by the Department, ~~and~~  
20 b. provide advice regarding concerns brought by child  
21 care facilities or referred by the Department to  
22 assist facilities in meeting minimum requirements ~~and~~  
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1           c. utilize subcommittees to make recommendations of best  
2           practices in licensing standards for child care  
3           centers, family child care homes, residential child  
4           care facilities, child-placing agencies and group  
5           homes.

6           2. Committee members shall be appointed for a three-year term,  
7 with a two-consecutive-term limit. ~~A majority of any committee~~  
8 ~~appointed to prepare requirements and standards for child care~~  
9 ~~facilities shall be representatives of child care facilities~~ The  
10 committee shall include consumer representation for all categories  
11 of facilities licensed by the Department.

12           3. The advisory committee shall create a Child Care Facility  
13 Peer Review Board whose purpose shall be to participate in the  
14 Department's grievance process. A majority of the Board shall be  
15 representatives of child care facilities. The Department shall  
16 promulgate rules specifying the duties of the Child Care Facility  
17 Peer Review Board in the grievance process.

18           B. Child care facilities shall not allow children to be left  
19 alone in the care of any person under eighteen (18) years of age.

20           C. The Department shall promulgate rules establishing minimum  
21 requirements and desirable standards as may be deemed necessary or  
22 advisable to carry out the provisions of the Oklahoma Child Care  
23 Facilities Licensing Act.

1 D. Such rules shall not be promulgated until after consultation  
2 with the State Department of Health, the State Department of  
3 Education, the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation, the State  
4 Fire Marshal, the Commission on Children and Youth and any other  
5 agency deemed necessary by the Department. Not less than sixty (60)  
6 days' notice, by regular mail, shall be given to all current  
7 licensees before any changes are made in such rules.

8 E. In order to improve the standards of child care, the  
9 Department shall advise and cooperate with licensees, the governing  
10 bodies and staff of licensed child care facilities and assist the  
11 staff through advice of progressive methods and procedures, and  
12 suggestions for the improvement of services.

13 F. The Department may participate in federal programs for child  
14 care services, and enter into agreements or plans on behalf of the  
15 state for that purpose, in accordance with federal laws and  
16 regulations.

17 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2016.  
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1 Passed the Senate the 22nd day of February, 2016.

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4 Presiding Officer of the Senate

5 Passed the House of Representatives the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_,  
6 2016.

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