

## 103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY State of Illinois 2023 and 2024 HB3877

Introduced 2/17/2023, by Rep. Joyce Mason

## SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

225 ILCS 10/5.12 new

Amends the Child Care Act of 1969. Provides that after the effective date of the amendatory Act, a new child care facility shall not be located near a hazardous waste disposal site or a heavily polluted area. Provides that the Environmental Protection Agency, in conjunction with the Department of Children and Family Services and any other relevant departments or agencies, shall implement an environmental risk screening program to determine if a proposed child care facility is near or on a hazardous waste disposal site. Provides that the Department and the Agency shall conduct an environmental inspection for a child care facility to identify any concerns with the property, building, or adjacent businesses of the child care facility. Provides that the inspection may identify potentially dangerous sites and potential sources of contaminants. Provides that the Department and the Agency shall adopt rules to implement the environmental risk screening program.

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1 AN ACT concerning regulation.

## Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, represented in the General Assembly:

- Section 5. The Child Care Act of 1969 is amended by adding

  Section 5.12 as follows:
- 6 (225 ILCS 10/5.12 new)
- 7 <u>Sec. 5.12. Environmental risk screening program.</u>
- 8 (a) As used in this Section:
- 9 "Agency" means the Environmental Protection Agency.
- 10 "Hazardous waste" has the meaning set forth in Section
- 3.220 of the Environmental Protection Act.
- 12 "Hazardous waste disposal site" has the meaning set forth
- in Section 3.225 of the Environmental Protection Act.
- 14 (b) After the effective date of this amendatory Act of the
- 15 <u>103rd General Assembly, a new child care facility shall not be</u>
- 16 located near a hazardous waste disposal site or a heavily
- 17 polluted area.
- 18 (c) The Agency, in conjunction with the Department and any
- 19 other relevant departments or agencies, shall implement an
- 20 environmental risk screening program to determine if a
- 21 proposed child care facility is near or on a hazardous waste
- 22 disposal site. The Department shall prohibit a child care
- 23 facility from being established at or near a hazardous waste

dispo	sal	site.

- (d) The Department and the Agency shall conduct an environmental inspection for a child care facility to identify any concerns with the property, building, or adjacent businesses of the child care facility in accordance with the following:
  - (1) The inspection may include cross-referencing the location of the child care facility with other environmental databases to identify potentially dangerous sites, including, but not limited to, (i) superfund sites, (ii) dry cleaner sites, (iii) sanitary landfills, as defined in Section 3.445 of the Environmental Protection Act, (iv) brownfields, as defined in Section 58.2 of the Environmental Protection Act, or land recycling sites, and (v) federal Department of Energy or federal Department of Defense sites.
  - (2) The inspection shall be reviewed for potential sources of contaminants that could impact the air, soil, or water on the site over time. These sources may include the following:
    - (A) major highways, rail yards, port facilities, truck traffic exceeding 100 trucks per day, and airports;
    - (B) factories, power plants, refineries, propane or other storage tank areas, and high pressure pipelines; and

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1	(C) auto body	shops, dry	cleaners,	large	gas
2	stations, large ar	nimal feeding	operations	, nail	or
3	hair salons, and pr	int shops.			
4	(e) The Department and	d the Agency	shall adopt	rules	to
5	implement this Section.				