

1 AN ACT concerning regulation.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Child Care Act of 1969 is amended by adding
5 Section 7.10 as follows:

6 (225 ILCS 10/7.10 new)

7 Sec. 7.10. Progress report.

8 (a) For the purposes of this Section, "child day care
9 licensing" or "day care licensing" means licensing of day care
10 centers, day care homes, and group day care homes.

11 (b) No later than June 30, 2013, the Department shall
12 provide the General Assembly with a comprehensive report on its
13 progress in meeting performance measures and goals related to
14 child day care licensing.

15 (c) The report shall include:

16 (1) details on the funding for child day care
17 licensing, including:

18 (A) the total number of full-time employees
19 working on child day care licensing;

20 (B) the names of all sources of revenue used to
21 support child day care licensing;

22 (C) the amount of expenditures that is claimed
23 against federal funding sources;

1 (D) the identity of federal funding sources; and

2 (E) how funds are appropriated, including
3 appropriations for line staff, support staff,
4 supervisory staff, and training and other expenses and
5 the funding history of such licensing since fiscal year
6 2007;

7 (2) current staffing qualifications of day care
8 licensing representatives, day care licensing supervisors,
9 and regional licensing administrators in comparison with
10 staffing qualifications specified in the job description;

11 (3) data history for fiscal year 2007 to fiscal year
12 2012 on day care licensing representative caseloads and
13 staffing levels in all areas of the State;

14 (4) per the DCFS Child Day Care Licensing Advisory
15 Council's work plan, quarterly data on the following
16 measures:

17 (A) the percentage of new applications disposed of
18 within 90 days;

19 (B) the percentage of licenses renewed on time;

20 (C) the percentage of day care centers receiving
21 timely annual monitoring visits;

22 (D) the percentage of day care homes receiving
23 timely annual monitoring visits;

24 (E) the percentage of group day care homes
25 receiving timely annual monitoring visits;

26 (F) the percentage of day care providers that are

1 satisfied with accurate and objective interpretation
2 of standards by DCFS staff;

3 (G) the percentage of high-risk violations
4 resolved within 60 days;

5 (H) the percentage of complaints disposed of
6 within 30 days;

7 (I) the average number of days applicants must wait
8 to attend a licensing orientation;

9 (J) the number of licensing orientation sessions
10 available per region in the past year;

11 (K) the number of on-line Department trainings
12 related to licensing and child development available
13 to providers in the past year; and

14 (L) the percentage of providers satisfied with
15 ongoing ways to communicate with the Department and get
16 their questions answered;

17 (5) details on efforts to educate parents on the role
18 of licensing and the role of the Department as the
19 licensing agency to which complaints can be filed, as well
20 as efforts to reach out to minority families;

21 (6) details on how the Department will measure progress
22 on integrating a child development perspective in the work
23 of the day care licensing representatives;

24 (7) information on progress on the adoption of a
25 weighted licensing and risk rating system;

26 (8) information on progress on coordination with the

1 State's child care system, including the Department of
2 Human Services, the State Board of Education, and the child
3 care resource and referral agencies; and

4 (9) efforts to coordinate with appropriate agencies on
5 professional development and credentialing issues,
6 including training registry and Quality Rating and
7 Improvement Systems (QRIS).

8 (d) The Department shall work through the Governor's
9 appointed Early Learning Council on issues related to
10 collecting data and documenting improvements to the
11 Department's responsibilities concerning child day care
12 licensing.

13 (e) No later than June 30, 2013, the Department shall
14 launch a public portal to allow the public to look up serious
15 licensing violations in a manner that is clear and
16 understandable by parents or other interested parties.

17 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect on July
18 1, 2012.