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**STATUS INFORMATION**

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Sponsors: Senators Shealy and Gustafson

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Governor's Action: July 2, 2024, Signed

Summary: DSS - Childcare Center Caregiver

**HISTORY OF LEGISLATIVE ACTIONS**

 Date Body Action Description with journal page number

 11/30/2023 Senate Prefiled

 11/30/2023 Senate Referred to Committee on **Family and Veterans' Services**

 1/9/2024 Senate Introduced and read first time

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 2/14/2024 Senate Committee report: Favorable with amendment **Family and Veterans' Services** (Senate Journal‑page 9)

 2/20/2024 Senate Committee Amendment Adopted (Senate Journal‑page 12)

 2/20/2024 Senate Read second time (Senate Journal‑page 12)

 2/20/2024 Senate Roll call Ayes-27 Nays-17 (Senate Journal‑page 12)

 2/21/2024 Senate Amended (Senate Journal‑page 13)

 2/21/2024 Senate Read third time and sent to House (Senate Journal‑page 13)

 2/21/2024 Senate Roll call Ayes-44 Nays-0 (Senate Journal‑page 13)

 2/27/2024 House Introduced and read first time (House Journal‑page 30)

 2/27/2024 House Referred to Committee on **Education and Public Works** (House Journal‑page 30)

 4/25/2024 House Committee report: Favorable with amendment **Education and Public Works** (House Journal‑page 21)

 5/2/2024 House Debate adjourned until Tues., 5-7-24 (House Journal‑page 31)

 5/7/2024 House Requests for debate-Rep(s). Hiott, B Newton, Carter, Sessions, Guest, Hewitt, Calhoon, Erickson (House Journal‑page 109)

 5/7/2024 House Amended (House Journal‑page 199)

 5/7/2024 House Read second time (House Journal‑page 199)

 5/7/2024 House Roll call Yeas-108 Nays-0 (House Journal‑page 202)

 5/8/2024 House Read third time and returned to Senate with amendments (House Journal‑page 121)

 5/8/2024 Senate House amendment amended

 5/8/2024 Senate House amendment amended (Senate Journal‑page 217)

 5/8/2024 Senate Roll call Ayes-45 Nays-0 (Senate Journal‑page 217)

 5/8/2024 Senate Returned to House with amendments (Senate Journal‑page 217)

 5/9/2024 House Non-concurrence in Senate amendment (House Journal‑page 56)

 5/9/2024 House Roll call Yeas-0 Nays-102 (House Journal‑page 56)

 5/9/2024 Senate Senate insists upon amendment and conference committee appointed Shealy, Young, McElveen (Senate Journal‑page 25)

 5/9/2024 House Conference committee appointed Erickson, Hartnett, JL Johnson (House Journal‑page 154)

 6/26/2024 House Conference report received and adopted

 6/26/2024 House Roll call Yeas-109 Nays-0

 6/26/2024 Senate Conference report received and adopted (Senate Journal‑page 47)

 6/26/2024 Senate Roll call Ayes-42 Nays-0 (Senate Journal‑page 48)

 6/26/2024 House Ordered enrolled for ratification

 6/27/2024 Ratified R 241

 7/2/2024 Signed By Governor

 7/17/2024 Effective date 07/10/24

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(A216, R241, S862)

AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 63‑13‑30, RELATING TO CAREGIVER REQUIREMENTS, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR EDUCATIONAL AND PRESERVICE TRAINING REQUIREMENTS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 63‑13‑20, RELATING TO CHILDCARE FACILITY DEFINITIONAL TERMS, SO AS TO CHANGE CERTAIN DEFINITIONS.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina:

Childcare caregiver requirements

SECTION 1. Section 63‑13‑30 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

 Section 63‑13‑30. (A) A caregiver who begins employment in a licensed or approved childcare center in South Carolina after June 30, 1994, must have at least a high school diploma, a high school equivalency credential recognized by the State Board of Education, Certificate of Completion, or a South Carolina High School Employability Credential. Within thirty days of being employed, a caregiver must complete fifteen hours of health and safety service provider training. The caregiver shall be directly supervised for a period of at least thirty days by a staff person with at least one year of experience as a caregiver in a licensed or approved childcare facility and until such time as the caregiver has completed the required health and safety service provider training, provided the caregiver is also in compliance with Section 63‑13‑40 relating to required background checks.

 (B) A caregiver who has a high school diploma, a high school equivalency credential recognized by the State Board of Education, Certificate of Completion, or a South Carolina High School Employability Credential and at least six months’ experience as a caregiver in a licensed or approved facility and is employed as of July 1, 1994, in a licensed or approved childcare center in South Carolina is exempt from the requirements of subsection (A).

Definitions

SECTION 2. Section 63‑13‑20(22), (23), and (26) of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

 (22) “Regular approval” means a written notice issued by the department for a three‑year period to a department, agency, or institution of the State, or a county, city, or other political subdivision, approving the operation of a public childcare center or group childcare home in accordance with the provisions of the notice, this chapter, and the regulations of the department. The department shall begin issuing the written notices for regular approval beginning with the Calendar Year 2025.

 (23) “Regular license” means a license issued by the department for three years to an operator of a private childcare center or group childcare home or a family childcare home which elects to be licensed showing that the licensee is in compliance with the provisions of this chapter and the regulations of the department at the time of issuance and authorizing the licensee to operate in accordance with the license, this chapter, and the regulations of the department. The department shall begin issuing the written notices for regular approval beginning with the Calendar Year 2025.

 (26) “Renewal” means in regard to childcare centers and group childcare homes, to grant an extension of a regular license or regular approval for another three‑year period provided an investigation of such facilities verifies that they are in compliance with the applicable regulations, in regard to family childcare homes, to place the name of the operator on the registration list for another year provided procedures indicated in this chapter have been completed. The department shall begin issuing the written notices for regular approval beginning with the Calendar Year 2025.

Time effective

SECTION 3. This act takes effect five business days after approval by the Governor.

Ratified the 27th day of June, 2024.

Approved the 2nd day of July, 2024.

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