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(Assented to , 1992)

HER MAJESTY, by and with the advice and consent of the
Legislative Assembly of Alberta, enacts as follows:

- 1 The Social Care Facilities Licensing Act is amended by this Act.*
- 2 Section 1 is amended by repealing clause (f)(i.1) and substituting the following:*
 - (i.1) a child day care centre.*
- 3 The following is added after section 3:*

Child Day Care Centres

- 3.1(1)** Every person applying for a licence for a child day care centre shall satisfy the Director that he will have the facilities and capability of complying with this section.
- (2)** Every person providing day care in the child day care centre shall provide an environment that is conducive to the health, safety and well-being of every child therein.
- (3)** The ratio of staff to children and the size of the child groups shall not exceed:
 - (a)** for children up to 18 months, a staff:child ratio of 1:3, nor a group of more than 6 children;

Explanatory Notes

- 1** This Bill will amend chapter S-14 of the Revised Statutes of Alberta, 1980.
- 2** Clause (f)(i.1) presently reads:

(i.1) a day care centre.
- 3** Adds a new part that will provide standards for child day care centres and staff.

- (b) for children from 19-30 months, a staff:child ratio of 1:4, nor a group size of more than 8 children;
 - (c) for children over 30 months, a staff:child ratio of 1:8, nor a group size of more than 16 children.
- (4) Notwithstanding subsection (2) or (3), where a provision for groupings of combined age of children is arranged, at least 2 staff persons must be present to implement the day care program for 15 children of which no more than 4 may be aged between 19 and 30 months, no more than 5 between 31 and 54 months and no more than 7 over 54 months.
- (5) A child day care centre must provide outdoor play space,
- (a) that is fenced,
 - (b) that is at least 2 square metres in area for each child for which the centre is licensed up to the age of 18 months plus 8 square metres for each child for which the centre is licensed over 18 months.
- (6) Every day care centre shall provide indoor play space of at least 4 square metres per child exclusive of any space occupied by anything which is not play equipment for the children.
- 3.2(1) Every person operating a child day care centre shall provide a program of activities to promote the overall development of the child including physical, social, emotional, and intellectual development of the children, and involving indoor and outdoor activities.**
- (2) Every child day care centre shall have adequate and appropriate equipment for the care, exercise and development of the children.
- (3) No child day care centre may operate unless it has a full-time on-site director who has
- (a) completed a minimum of 2 years of study and received a diploma or equivalent degree in early childhood development from an educational institute recognized by the Canadian Association of Community Colleges or the Canadian Association of Universities and Colleges, and

(b) at least 1 year's experience in a child day care centre.

(4) Every person who is a full-time director of a child day care centre shall have completed or be engaged in study for a post-diploma certificate in day care administration in a course of studies undertaken by the Canadian Association of Community Colleges or the Canadian Association of Universities and Colleges.

(5) To ensure that each child is under the care of a trained worker, every child day care centre shall have, for each group of children as specified in section 3.2, at least 1 staff member who either has a 1-year diploma in early childhood development or education, child and family studies, education or related fields as set out in the regulations and 1 year's experience at a child day care centre, or a 2-year diploma in those fields.

(6) Every person who applies for employment in a child day care centre must provide a current police record of convictions prior to being employed.

3.3(1) The Minister shall establish a provincial directory to provide publically accessible information on licensed child day care centres.

(2) The provincial directory shall retain on file information on each child day care centre including but not limited to the following

(a) a copy of the licence to operate issued pursuant to this Act;

(b) copies of all inspection reports conducted within the last 2 years pursuant to this Act;

(c) a copy of the most recent fire inspection report;

(d) a copy of the most recent public health inspection report;

(e) a report filed within a month of each change in staff on the number of staff, their qualifications, and the dates they provided a police record of convictions;

(f) an indication as to whether the child day care centre is a commercial or non-profit agency.

(3) The Minister shall provide to any person who requests access to the records of the provincial directory and, on a reasonable charge not to exceed 10¢ per copy, a photocopy of any document in the provincial directory.

(4) The provincial directory shall be accessible by physical or electronic means at centres in the Province determined by the Minister for the convenience of parents.

3.4 The Director shall cause to be posted in a locked glass-fronted cabinet in a visible location near the entrance of the child care centre:

(a) a copy of the licence to operate,

(b) a copy of each inspection report conducted under this Act and requirements to address non-compliances, and

(c) a list of not less than 3 parent representatives to whom parents may direct their comments and concerns, so that they may be anonymously presented to the centre's director.

4 *Section 11 is amended by striking "The Lieutenant Governor in Council" and substituting "Subject to sections 3.1, 3.2, 3.3 and 3.4, the Lieutenant Governor in Council".*

4 Regulations subject to sections 3.1, 3.2, 3.3 and 3.4.