

REFERENCE TITLE: **child care monies; eligible organizations**

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Introduced by
Representative Gress

AN ACT

REQUIRING THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC SECURITY TO AMEND THIS STATE'S CHILD CARE DEVELOPMENT FUND PLAN.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Department of economic security; child care
3 development fund plan; amendment; licensure
4 exemption; registration; attestation;
5 requirements

6 A. The department of economic security, with the approval of the
7 federal government, shall amend this state's child care development fund
8 plan to exempt out-of-school time provider organizations that meet
9 specific criteria from licensure requirements in order for the
10 organization to receive child care assistance through the child care
11 development fund monies this state receives.

12 B. In lieu of an out-of-school time provider organization being
13 licensed, the organization shall register with the department and attest
14 that the organization meets all of the following:

15 1. Conducts programs or portions of programs that operate primarily
16 during times when school is not normally in session.

17 2. Serves only school-age children and youth.

18 3. Is organized to promote expanded childhood learning, enrichment,
19 child and youth development and educational, recreational or
20 character-building activities.

21 4. Adopts standards for its programs that at a minimum include
22 maximum staff-youth ratios, staff training, applicable state and local
23 health and safety standards and mechanisms for assessing and enforcing the
24 program's compliance with the standards.

25 5. Conducts state and national annual criminal background checks,
26 sex offender registry checks and child abuse registry checks for all
27 employees and board members and for volunteers who work with children and
28 makes screening and hiring decisions based on the outcomes of those
29 checks.

30 6. Regularly trains all employees in cardiopulmonary resuscitation
31 and first aid.

32 7. Requires that all of its employees are mandated child abuse
33 reporters.

34 8. Maintains health and safety policies and procedures for all of
35 the following:

36 (a) Child abuse prevention and response, including guidance on
37 staff-to-child ratios and prohibition of private one-on-one interactions
38 between youth and staff, volunteers and board members.

39 (b) A workplace and learning environment that is drug-free and
40 alcohol-free.

41 (c) Internal incident reporting and investigation.

42 (d) Emergency preparedness and response.

43 (e) Transportation, if applicable.

1 (f) Acceptable uses of technology, including prohibiting
2 inappropriate technology-based interactions between youth and staff,
3 volunteers, board members and other youth during and after program hours.

4 (g) Communication during emergencies.

5 9. Obtains and maintains records, consistent with the
6 organization's confidentiality policies, that include for each child:

7 (a) The first and last name and date of birth of the child.

8 (b) The name, address and telephone number of each parent.

9 (c) Emergency contact information.

10 (d) Written authorization for medical care.

11 (e) Records, verified by staff, of the child's program attendance.

12 (f) Records of serious injuries and deaths.

13 10. Maintains, for each organization operating a program,
14 comprehensive, general liability and sexual misconduct insurance, each
15 with a minimum policy limit of \$1,000,000 per occurrence and \$3,000,000
16 aggregate.