

"AN ACT TO CREATE THE CHILD CARE PROVIDERS' TRAINING COMMITTEE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. There is hereby created the Child Care Providers' Training Committee to be composed of seven persons appointed by the Governor as follows: one appointee shall be a family day care provider, one appointee shall be a day care center provider, one appointee shall be active in the Head Start Program, one appointee shall be a member of the Child Care Facilities Review Board, one appointee shall be an employee of the Division of Children and Family Services of the Department of Human Services, one appointee shall be an early childhood education professional, and one appointee shall be a parent. Furthermore, at least one appointee shall reside in the present First Congressional District, at least one appointee shall reside in the present Second Congressional District, at least one appointee shall reside in the present Third Congressional District, and at least one appointee shall reside in the present Fourth Congressional District. The members of the Committee shall serve three year terms, except that the terms of the initial members shall be determined by the Governor so that two members will serve one year terms, two members will serve two year terms, and three members will serve three year terms. The Chairman shall be selected annually by a majority vote of the entire membership of the Committee.

SECTION 2. Members of the Child Care Providers' Training Committee shall serve without compensation or per diem but shall be entitled to reimbursement for expenses as prescribed for State employees by State travel regulations. The Committee shall meet at least once annually.

SECTION 3. There is hereby established on the books of the State Treasurer, the State Auditor, and the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, the Child Care Providers' Training Fund to be administered by the Department of Human Services.

SECTION 4. Hereafter, the Child Care Facility Review Board shall issue no license to a child care facility nor renew a license unless the following fee is paid at the time of issuing or renewing a license. The license fee is fifteen dollars (\$15.00) per year for child care facilities serving less than twenty-five (25) children and twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) per year for child care facilities serving more than twenty-four (24) children. The Child Care Facility Review Board shall transmit through the Department of Human Services the fees monthly to the State Treasurer to be deposited as special revenues in the Child Care Providers' Training Fund. The State Treasurer shall certify to the Director of the Department of Human Services on a monthly basis the amount of fees transmitted by the Child Care Facility Review Board, and the Director shall transmit to the State Treasurer for deposit into the Child Care Providers' Training Fund, from funds appropriated for the maintenance and operation of the Department of Human Services an amount of money equal to the fees transmitted to the State Treasurer.

SECTION 5. The Child Care Providers' Training Committee working with the Department of Human Services shall:

- (a) Develop an annual comprehensive training program for child care

providers;

(b) Solicit proposals for child care provider training contracts and award such contracts to those applicants who meet the Committee's training requirements;

(c) Purchase materials for loan to child care providers to assist in staff training; and

(d) Exercise such other powers as necessary to implement this Act.

SECTION 6. At least twenty percent (20%) of the monies deposited into the Child Care Providers' Training Fund after the effective date of this Act and before July 1, 1988 shall be used to purchase training material for loan to child care providers; at least fifteen percent (15%) of the monies deposited in the Child Care Providers' Training Fund after June 30, 1988 and prior to July 1, 1989 shall be used for that purpose; at least ten percent (10%) of the monies deposited in the Child Care Providers' Training Fund after June 30, 1989 and before July 1, 1990 shall be used for that purpose; and thereafter the amount expended for that purpose shall be at the discretion of the Child Care Providers' Training Committee with the advice of the Department of Human Services.

SECTION 7. The Department of Human Services, through its Division of Children and Family Services, shall provide facilities and staff support for the Committee. Furthermore, all contracts let by the Department of Human Services for child care provider training shall be submitted to the Committee for review and advice so that a coordinated Statewide training plan for providers may be maintained.

SECTION 8. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are hereby repealed.

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