

**ARKANSAS SENATE**  
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**Amendment Form**

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**Subtitle of Senate Bill No. 342**

"AN ACT TO PROTECT CHILDREN IN CHILD CARE FACILITIES DURING  
EMERGENCIES AND TO REQUIRE CHILD CARE FACILITIES TO FILE WRITTEN PLANS  
FOR EMERGENCY PROCEDURES."

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**Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill No. 342.**

Amend Senate Bill No. 342 as originally introduced:

Delete everything after the ENACTING clause and substitute the following:

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 12-86-203 is amended to read as follows:

12-86-203. Division of Child Care and Early Childhood Education  
policies.

The Director of the Division of Child Care and Early Childhood  
Education of the Department of Human Services shall coordinate efforts with  
other state agencies and appropriate organizations to:

(1)(A) Share with the Arkansas Department of Emergency  
Management on a quarterly basis an integrated list of all licensed child care  
facilities and all known license-exempt child care facilities, including  
without limitation physical addresses, maximum capacity, emergency contact  
information, hours of operation, and status as tuition subsidy, meal subsidy,  
state-funded pre-kindergarten, and quality-rated facilities.

(B) The integrated list is to be sorted by county;

(2) Identify designated emergency shelters, including without  
limitation local shelters and mass evacuation shelters, in proximity to all  
licensed child care facilities and all known license-exempt facilities,  
identify three (3) designated shelters in closest proximity to each child  
care facility, and notify each child care facility annually of the locations  
of those shelters;

(3) Coordinate efforts to notify the state emergency management  
agency of the estimated number of children in child care facilities who could  
be evacuated to each shelter;

(4) Require all licensed child care facilities to notify parents  
annually of the shelters designated by the Division of Child Care and Early  
Childhood Education of the Department of Human Services as being in closest  
proximity to those facilities;

(5) Include early childhood emergency preparedness courses and  
workshops that address specific risk factors and evacuation procedures in  
particular geographic areas among approved courses and workshops for meeting



requirements for in-service training for licensed child care providers in those geographic areas; ~~and~~

(6) Incorporate specific indicators of emergency preparedness, linked to specific disaster risk factors in providers' geographic areas, into each level of any quality ratings above minimum licensing standards; and

(7)(A) Require a child care facility to have a written plan for evacuation in the event of fire, natural disaster, or other threatening situation that may pose a health or safety hazard to the children in the child care facility;

(B) Require the plan to include without limitation:

(i) A designated relocation site and evacuation route;

(ii) Procedures for notifying parents of the relocation and ensuring family reunification;

(iii) Procedures to address the needs of individual children, including children with special needs;

(iv) Instructions relating to the training of staff or the reassignment of staff duties, as appropriate;

(v) Coordination with local emergency management officials; and

(vi) A program to ensure that appropriate staff are familiar with the plan's components."

The Amendment was read the first time, rules suspended and read the second time and \_\_\_\_\_

By: Senator H. Wilkins

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Secretary