

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

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5 By: Senator H. Wilkins  
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# A Bill

SENATE BILL 342

## For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO PROTECT CHILDREN IN CHILD CARE  
10 FACILITIES DURING EMERGENCIES; TO REQUIRE CHILD  
11 CARE FACILITIES TO FILE WRITTEN PLANS FOR  
12 EMERGENCY PROCEDURES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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17 REQUIRE CHILD CARE FACILITIES TO FILE  
18 WRITTEN PLANS FOR EMERGENCY PROCEDURES.

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

23 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 20-78-206(b), concerning criteria for  
24 licensure of child care facilities, is amended to read as follows:

25 (b) In establishing requirements and standards for the granting,  
26 revocation, refusal, and suspension of a license for a child care facility,  
27 the Division of Child Care and Early Childhood Education shall adopt ~~such~~  
28 ~~rules and regulations as will~~ rules to:

29 (1) Promote the health, safety, and welfare of children  
30 attending a child care facility;

31 (2) Promote safe, comfortable, and healthy physical facilities  
32 for the children who attend the child care facility;

33 (3) Ensure adequate supervision of the children by capable,  
34 qualified, and healthy individuals;

35 (4) Ensure appropriate educational programs and activities; ~~and~~

36 (5) Ensure adequate and healthy food service where food service



1 is offered by the child care facility; and

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

6 (B) Require the plan to include without limitation:

7 (i) A designated relocation site and evacuation  
8 route;

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

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

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

15 (v) Coordination with local emergency management  
16 officials; and

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

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