

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST

Currently, under Texas Law, day-care centers and facilities do not require state certification for training centers that offer training and certification for recipients of public assistance in basic child care, child-care vendor entrepreneurial training, and Head Start teaching. The comptroller's publication, *Disturbing the Peace*, has recommended that the "[s]tate law should be amended to direct the Texas Workforce Commission's (TWC) Child Care Management System to establish regulations and requirements for the licensing of child-care facilities to offer training and certification in the Child Development Associate national credential to recipients of public assistance. This program would offer training in basic child care, child-care vendor entrepreneurial training, and Head Start teaching." This bill would implement this recommendation and require TWC to adopt rules for such certification.

PURPOSE

As proposed, S.B. 213 requires the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) to adopt rules in regard to the certification of day-care centers and facilities by TWC or the division of workforce development of TWC as training centers that offer training and certification for recipients of public assistance in basic child care, child-care vendor entrepreneurial training, and Head Start teaching.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

Rulemaking authority is granted to the Texas Workforce Commission in SECTION 1 (Sec. 44.081, Human Resources Code) and SECTION 2 (Sec. 302.003, Labor Code) of this bill.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Chapter 44, Human Resources Code, by adding Subchapter D, as follows:

SUBCHAPTER D. CHILD CARE TRAINING CENTERS

Sec. 44.081. CHILD CARE TRAINING CENTERS. Requires the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) to adopt rules under which TWC shall certify day-care centers operating under this chapter as training centers that offer training and certification for recipients of public assistance in basic child care, child-care vendor entrepreneurial training, and Head Start teaching.

SECTION 2. Amends Chapter 302A, Labor Code, by adding Section 302.003, as follows:

Sec. 302.003. CHILD CARE TRAINING CENTERS. Requires TWC to adopt rules under which the division of workforce development of TWC shall certify day-care facilities licensed under Chapter 42, Human Resources Code, as training centers that offer training and certification for recipients of public assistance in basic child care, child-care vendor entrepreneurial training, and Head Start teaching. Requires the TWC to cooperate with the Department of Protective and Regulatory Services (DPRS) in the adoption of rules and prohibits TWC from adopting a rule which conflicts with a DPRS rule.

SECTION 3. Effective date: September 1, 1997.

SECTION 4. Emergency clause.