

Regular Session, 2005

HOUSE BILL NO. 791

BY REPRESENTATIVE ROBIDEAUX

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

CHILDREN/CARE: Provides for the definition and licensure of "drop-in" centers

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 46:1403(B) and to enact R.S. 46:1403(A)(11) and 1404.1,
3 relative child care centers and child placing agencies; to provide for a definition of
4 "drop-in" centers; to promulgate and regulations; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 46:1403(B) is hereby amended and reenacted and R.S.
7 46:1403(A)(11) and 1404.1 are hereby enacted to read as follows:

8 §1403. Definitions

9 A. As used in this Chapter, the following definitions shall apply unless the
10 context clearly states otherwise:

11 * * *

12 (11) "Drop-in program" means a child care program that provides care for
13 children on an occasional basis where no child attends more than six hours per day
14 for a maximum of twenty-four hours a week with an allowance for six extra hours
15 per child three times per year.

16 B. For purposes of this Chapter "child care facility" shall include community
17 homes, maternity homes, group homes, day care centers, drop-in centers, and
18 residential homes as defined in this Section.

19 * * *

1 §1404.1. Drop-in program; regulations licensing standards

2 The department shall promulgate rules and regulations in accordance with the
3 Administrative Procedure Act as may be necessary to provide for the licensing of
4 drop-in programs. Such rules and regulations shall include but not be limited to the
5 following:

6 (1) Licensure application and renewal application procedures and
7 requirements.

8 (2) Operational and personnel requirements.

9 (3) Practice standards to assure quality of care.

10 (4) Practice standards to assure the health, safety, welfare, and comfort of
11 patients and clients.

12 (5) Survey and complaint investigations.

13 (6) Initial and annual renewal of licenses.

14 (7) Provisional licenses.

15 (8) Denial, revocation, suspension, and nonrenewal of licenses, and the
16 appeals therefrom.

17 (9) Construction and design of the facility to insure the health, safety,
18 welfare, and comfort of patients and clients.

19 (10) Such other regulations or standards as will ensure proper care and
20 treatment of patients or clients as may be deemed necessary for an effective
21 administration of this Part.

DIGEST

The digest printed below was prepared by House Legislative Services. It constitutes no part of the legislative instrument.

Robideaux

HB No. 791

Abstract: Provides for definitions and licensure of "drop-in programs" within the definitions of child care centers and child placing agencies.

Present law defines "child", "child-placing agency", "community home", "day care center", "department", "group home", "maternity home", "related" or "relative", "residential home", and "school".

Proposed law defines "Drop-in program".

Proposed law adds "facilities offering drop-in programs" to the list of facilities that fall under present law category of "child care facility".

Proposed law authorizes DSS to promulgate rules and regulations relative to "drop-in programs"

(Amends R.S. 46:1403(B); Adds R.S. 46:1403(A)(11) and 1404.1)