

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST

Currently, the Texas Department of Protective and Regulatory Services requires training for child care providers. There are infants in approximately 7,700 licensed day care centers, 1,800 group day care homes, and 10,000 registered family homes. S.B. 558 sets forth training requirements for those who provide care for children younger than 24 months of age regarding shaken baby syndrome, sudden infant death syndrome, and early childhood brain development.

PURPOSE

As proposed, C.S.S.B. 558 sets forth training requirements for staff members of licensed child-care facilities and registered family homes.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

Rulemaking authority is granted to Department of Protective and Regulatory Services in SECTION 1 (Section 42.0421, Human Resources Code) of this bill.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Chapter 42C, Human Resources Code, by adding Section 42.0421, as follows:

Sec. 42.0421. MINIMUM TRAINING STANDARDS. Requires the minimum training standards (MTS) for an employee of a day-care or group day-care home (facility) prescribed by the Department of Protective and Regulatory Services (DPRS) to include eight hours of initial training for employees with no previous child-care training or experience in a facility to be completed prior to assuming responsibility for a group of children; and 15 hours of annual training for each employee of a day care center or group day care home, except the director who requires 20 hours of annual training. Requires MTS prescribed by the DPRS to require employees who provide care for children younger than 24 months of age (infants) to receive one hour of initial training in addition to the training required by Subsection (a)(1) and one hour of annual training as a component of the training required by Subsections (a)(2) and (a)(3) on recognizing and preventing shaken baby syndrome (SBS) and sudden infant death syndrome (SIDS), and understanding early childhood brain development (ECBD). Requires the DPRS, by rule, to require an operator of a registered family home who provides care for infants to complete one hour of annual training on SBS, SIDS, and ECBD. Provides that Section 42.042(m) does not apply to the MTS required by this section.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 1999.

SECTION 3. Emergency clause.

SUMMARY OF COMMITTEE CHANGES

SECTION 1.

Amends Chapter 42C, Human Resources Code, by adding Section 42.0421, establishing MTS for certain child-care providers. Deletes existing SECTION 1 regarding the training of personnel.