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SENATE BILL NO. 802

Senate Amendments in [] — January 25, 2011

A *BILL to amend and reenact § 63.2-1734 of the Code of Virginia, relating to regulation of child day programs; use of outdoor play equipment and areas.*

Patron Prior to Engrossment—Senator Houck

Referred to Committee on Rehabilitation and Social Services

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 63.2-1734 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 63.2-1734. Regulations for child welfare agencies.

The Board, or in the case of child day centers, the Child Day-Care Council, shall adopt regulations for the activities, services and facilities to be employed by persons and agencies required to be licensed under this subtitle, which shall be designed to ensure that such activities, services and facilities are conducive to the welfare of the children under the custody or control of such persons or agencies.

Such regulations shall be developed in consultation with representatives of the affected entities and shall include, but need not be limited to, matters relating to the sex, age, and number of children and other persons to be maintained, cared for, or placed out, as the case may be, and to the buildings and premises to be used, and reasonable standards for the activities, services and facilities to be employed. Such limitations and standards shall be specified in each license and renewal thereof. Such regulations shall not require the adoption of a specific teaching approach or doctrine or require the membership, affiliation or accreditation services of any single private accreditation or certification agency.

Such regulations shall not prohibit child day programs providing care for school-age children at a location that is currently approved [by the Department of Education or recognized as a private school by the State Board of Education] for school occupancy and that houses a public or private school during the school year from [~~using~~ permitting school-age children to use] outdoor play equipment and areas approved for use by students of the school during school hours.

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