

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE BILL 428

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to child care; amending 10 O.S. 2021, Section 405.4, which relates to education and continuing education requirements; extending continuing education cycle; requiring certain certificate for child care facility personnel within specified time frame; requiring infant safe sleep training for certain individuals; and providing an effective date.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 10 O.S. 2021, Section 405.4, is amended to read as follows:

Section 405.4. A. Any person with a bachelor's degree or postgraduate degree shall be considered as having met the educational requirements for a director of a full-time child care center required by the Department of Human Services. Nothing in this section shall be construed as to affect ~~annual~~ continuing education requirements. The director of a child care center may also qualify as a master teacher for children of all ages.

B. Any person replacing a master teacher at a child care center shall be granted a one-year probationary period to fulfill the educational qualifications required by the Department for a master

1 teacher. The Department may extend the probationary period an  
2 additional year as long as the person is actively pursuing that  
3 goal.

4 C. 1. Prior to or within twelve (12) months of employment,  
5 teaching personnel of child care facilities shall obtain and  
6 maintain a current Oklahoma Professional Development Ladder (OPDL)  
7 certificate as provided by rules promulgated by the Director of  
8 Human Services.

9 2. Renewals and training for OPDL certification and any other  
10 professional development or continuing education required by the  
11 Department for child care facility personnel shall be on a two-year  
12 cycle.

13 3. Infant safe sleep training shall be required every two (2)  
14 years for any individual working with infants under one (1) year of  
15 age.

16 D. Licensed child care facilities opened or expanded before  
17 November 1, 2016, shall have thirty-five (35) square feet of floor  
18 area per infant in rooms occupied only by infants. New construction  
19 and existing space not previously licensed for child care after  
20 November 1, 2016, shall have forty (40) square feet of floor area  
21 per infant in rooms occupied only by infants.

22 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2025.  
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