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SENATE BILL No. 453

By Committee on Public Health and Welfare

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AN ACT concerning the regulation of child care facilities; relating to exemptions therefrom; amending K.S.A. 65-501 *and* 72-8236 and repealing the existing sections.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:

Section 1. K.S.A. 65-501 is hereby amended to read as follows: 65-501. It shall be unlawful for any person, firm, corporation or association to conduct or maintain a maternity center or a child care facility for children under 16 years of age without having a license or temporary permit therefor from the secretary of health and environment. Nothing in this act shall The provisions of K.S.A. 65-501 et seq., and amendments thereto, shall not apply to:

- (a) A residential facility or hospital that is operated and maintained by a state agency as defined in K.S.A. 75-3701, and amendments thereto; or
- (b) a summer instructional camp that:
- (1) Is operated by a Kansas educational institution as defined in K.S.A. 74-32,120, and amendments thereto, or a postsecondary educational institution as defined in K.S.A. 74-3201b, and amendments thereto;
 - (2) is operated for not more than five weeks;
- (3) provides instruction to children, all of whom are 10 years of age and older; and
- (4) is accredited by an agency or organization acceptable to the secretary of health and environment, or
- (c) any facility, program or service operated, or authorized to be operated, by the board of education of a school district if the board certifies annually, by resolution, that such facility, program or service:
- (1) Is supervised by a teacher who holds a certificate to teach and an administrator who holds a school administrator's certificate issued by the state board of education pursuant to law;
- (2) conducts, through the Kansas bureau of investigation, criminal background checks on all staff members upon hiring;
- (3) provides classroom space comparable to that afforded other district programs;

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- (4) is offered at a site located on property owned or leased by 2 the school district and which property complies with required 3 building and fire codes;
 - (5) maintains staff and student records and emergency contact information;
 - (6) does not allow children under the age of three years to enroll at such facility or in such program or service; and
 - (7) assists students to achieve academic performance at or above state standards.

A copy of such resolution shall be sent to the secretary on or before November 1 of each year.

- Sec. 2. K.S.A. 72-8236 is hereby amended to read as follows: 72-8236. (a) The board of education of any school district may: (1) Establish, operate and maintain a child care facility; (2) enter into cooperative or interlocal agreements with one or more other boards for the establishment, operation and maintenance of a child care facility; (3) contract with private, nonprofit corporations or associations or with any public or private agency or institution, whether located within or outside the state, for the establishment, operation and maintenance of a child care facility; and (4) prescribe and collect fees for providing care at a child care facility.
- (b) Fees for providing care at a child care facility established under authority of this section shall be prescribed and collected only to recover the costs incurred as a result of and directly attributable to the establishment, operation and maintenance of the child care facility. Revenues from fees collected by a board under this section shall be deposited in the general fund of the school district and shall be considered reimbursements to the district for the purpose of the school district finance and quality performance act and may be expended whether the same have been budgeted or not and amounts so expended shall not be considered operating expenses.
- (c) Except as provided in K.S.A. 65-501, and amendments thereto, every school district which establishes, operates and maintains a child care facility shall be subject to the provisions contained in article 5 of chapter 65 of Kansas Statutes Annotated.
- (d) As used in this section, the term "child" means any child who is three years of age or older, and any infant or toddler whose parent or parents are pupils or employees of a school district which establishes, operates and maintains, or cooperates in the establishment, operation and maintenance of, a child care facility under authority of this act.

Sec. 23. K.S.A. 65-501 is and 72-8236 are hereby repealed.

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- 1 Sec. 34. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
- 2 publication in the statute book.