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**By** House Early Learning & Human Services (originally sponsored by Representatives Frockt, Eddy, Dickerson, Carlyle, Maxwell, Fitzgibbon, Roberts, Pedersen, Hudgins, Ryu, Kenney, and Stanford)

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1       AN ACT Relating to licensing requirements for child care centers  
2 located in publicly owned buildings; and amending RCW 43.215.200.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4       **Sec. 1.** RCW 43.215.200 and 2007 c 415 s 3 are each amended to read  
5 as follows:

6       It shall be the director's duty with regard to licensing:

7       (1) In consultation and with the advice and assistance of persons  
8 representative of the various type agencies to be licensed, to  
9 designate categories of child care facilities for which separate or  
10 different requirements shall be developed, including child care centers  
11 under subsection (2) of this section, as may be appropriate whether  
12 because of variations in the ages and other characteristics of the  
13 children served, variations in the purposes and services offered or  
14 size or structure of the agencies to be licensed, or because of any  
15 other factor relevant thereto;

16       (2) To establish a unified set of licensing requirements for child  
17 care centers operated in publicly owned or operated buildings, such as  
18 public schools or municipal community centers, in which there are

1 existing prekindergarten or school age educational programs. The  
2 department shall develop an interagency process to accomplish the  
3 requirements of this subsection;

4 (3) In consultation and with the advice and assistance of parents  
5 or guardians, and persons representative of the various type agencies  
6 to be licensed, to adopt and publish minimum requirements for licensing  
7 applicable to each of the various categories of agencies to be licensed  
8 under this chapter;

9 ~~((+3))~~ (4) In consultation with law enforcement personnel, the  
10 director shall investigate the conviction record or pending charges of  
11 each agency and its staff seeking licensure or relicensure, and other  
12 persons having unsupervised access to children in care;

13 ~~((+4))~~ (5) To issue, revoke, or deny licenses to agencies pursuant  
14 to this chapter. Licenses shall specify the category of care that an  
15 agency is authorized to render and the ages and number of children to  
16 be served;

17 ~~((+5))~~ (6) To prescribe the procedures and the form and contents  
18 of reports necessary for the administration of this chapter and to  
19 require regular reports from each licensee;

20 ~~((+6))~~ (7) To inspect agencies periodically to determine whether  
21 or not there is compliance with this chapter and the requirements  
22 adopted under this chapter;

23 ~~((+7))~~ (8) To review requirements adopted under this chapter at  
24 least every two years and to adopt appropriate changes after  
25 consultation with affected groups for child day care requirements; and

26 ~~((+8))~~ (9) To consult with public and private agencies in order to  
27 help them improve their methods and facilities for the care and early  
28 learning of children.

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