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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) In developing licensing requirements for child care centers  
17 operated in publicly owned or operated buildings, such as public  
18 schools or municipal community centers, in which there are existing  
19 prekindergarten or school age educational programs, the department

1 shall use an interagency process to accomplish the requirements of this  
2 subsection, to include consulting the state fire marshal's office  
3 regarding standards for fire prevention and protection of life and  
4 property from fire in those publicly owned or operated buildings;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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