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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 buildings, such as public
18 schools or municipal community centers, in which there are existing
19 prekindergarten educational programs;

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

6 ~~((+3))~~ (4) In consultation with law enforcement personnel, the
7 director shall investigate the conviction record or pending charges of
8 each agency and its staff seeking licensure or relicensure, and other
9 persons having unsupervised access to children in care;

10 ~~((+4))~~ (5) To issue, revoke, or deny licenses to agencies pursuant
11 to this chapter. Licenses shall specify the category of care that an
12 agency is authorized to render and the ages and number of children to
13 be served;

14 ~~((+5))~~ (6) To prescribe the procedures and the form and contents
15 of reports necessary for the administration of this chapter and to
16 require regular reports from each licensee;

17 ~~((+6))~~ (7) To inspect agencies periodically to determine whether
18 or not there is compliance with this chapter and the requirements
19 adopted under this chapter;

20 ~~((+7))~~ (8) To review requirements adopted under this chapter at
21 least every two years and to adopt appropriate changes after
22 consultation with affected groups for child day care requirements; and

23 ~~((+8))~~ (9) To consult with public and private agencies in order to
24 help them improve their methods and facilities for the care and early
25 learning of children.

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