HOUSE SUBSTITUTE FOR SENATE BILL NO. 438

A bill to amend 1973 PA 116, entitled

"An act to provide for the protection of children through the licensing and regulation of child care organizations; to provide for the establishment of standards of care for child care organizations; to prescribe powers and duties of certain departments of this state and adoption facilitators; to provide penalties; and to repeal acts and parts of acts,"

by amending sections 1 and 5 (MCL 722.111 and 722.115), as amended by 2010 PA 379.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

- 1 Sec. 1. (1) As used in this act:
- 2 (a) "Child care organization" means a governmental or
- 3 nongovernmental organization having as its principal function
- 4 receiving minor children for care, maintenance, training, and
- 5 supervision, notwithstanding that educational instruction may be
- 6 given. Child care organization includes organizations commonly

- 1 described as child caring institutions, child placing agencies,
- 2 children's camps, children's campsites, children's therapeutic
- 3 group homes, child care centers, day care centers, nursery schools,
- 4 parent cooperative preschools, foster homes, group homes, or child
- 5 care homes. Child care organization does not include a governmental
- 6 or nongovernmental organization that does either of the following:
- 7 (i) Provides care exclusively to minors who have been
- 8 emancipated by court order under section 4(3) of 1968 PA 293, MCL
- 9 722.4.
- 10 (ii) Provides care exclusively to persons who are 18 years of
- 11 age or older and to minors who have been emancipated by court order
- 12 under section 4(3) of 1968 PA 293, MCL 722.4, at the same location.
- 13 (b) "Child caring institution" means a child care facility
- 14 that is organized for the purpose of receiving minor children for
- 15 care, maintenance, and supervision, usually on a 24-hour basis, in
- 16 buildings maintained by the child caring institution for that
- 17 purpose, and operates throughout the year. An educational program
- 18 may be provided, but the educational program shall not be the
- 19 primary purpose of the facility. Child caring institution includes
- 20 a maternity home for the care of unmarried mothers who are minors
- 21 and an agency group home, that is described as a small child caring
- 22 institution, owned, leased, or rented by a licensed agency
- 23 providing care for more than 4 but less than 13 minor children.
- 24 Child caring institution also includes institutions for mentally
- 25 retarded or emotionally disturbed minor children. Child caring
- 26 institution does not include a hospital, nursing home, or home for
- 27 the aged licensed under article 17 of the public health code, 1978

- 1 PA 368, MCL 333.20101 to 333.22260, a boarding school licensed
- 2 under section 1335 of the revised school code, 1976 PA 451, MCL
- 3 380.1335, a hospital or facility operated by the state or licensed
- 4 under the mental health code, 1974 PA 258, MCL 330.1001 to
- 5 330.2106, or an adult foster care family home or an adult foster
- 6 care small group home licensed under the adult foster care facility
- 7 licensing act, 1979 PA 218, MCL 400.701 to 400.737, in which a
- 8 child has been placed under section 5(6).
- 9 (c) "Child placing agency" means a governmental organization
- 10 or an agency organized under the nonprofit corporation act, 1982 PA
- 11 162, MCL 450.2101 to 450.3192, for the purpose of receiving
- 12 children for placement in private family homes for foster care or
- 13 for adoption. The function of a child placing agency may include
- 14 investigating applicants for adoption and investigating and
- 15 certifying foster family homes and foster family group homes as
- 16 provided in this act. The function of a child placing agency may
- 17 also include supervising children who are 16 or 17 AT LEAST 16 BUT
- 18 LESS THAN 21 years of age and who are living in unlicensed
- 19 residences as provided in section 5(4).
- 20 (d) "Children's camp" means a residential, day, troop, or
- 21 travel camp that provides care and supervision and is conducted in
- 22 a natural environment for more than 4 children, apart from the
- 23 children's parents, relatives, or legal guardians, for 5 or more
- 24 days in a 14-day period.
- 25 (e) "Children's campsite" means the outdoor setting where a
- 26 children's residential or day camp is located.
- (f) "Children's therapeutic group home" means a child caring

- 1 institution receiving not more than 6 minor children who are
- 2 diagnosed with a developmental disability as defined in section
- 3 100a of the mental health code, 1974 PA 258, MCL 330.1100a, or a
- 4 serious emotional disturbance as defined in section 100d of the
- 5 mental health code, 1974 PA 258, MCL 330.1100d, . A children's
- 6 therapeutic group home AND THAT meets all of the following
- 7 requirements:
- 8 (i) Provides care, maintenance, and supervision, usually on a
- 9 24-hour basis.
- 10 (ii) Complies with the rules for child caring institutions,
- 11 except that behavior management rooms, personal restraint,
- 12 mechanical restraint, or seclusion, which is allowed in certain
- 13 circumstances under licensing rules, are prohibited in a children's
- 14 therapeutic group home.
- 15 (iii) Is not a private home.
- 16 (iv) Is not located on a campus with other licensed facilities.
- 17 (g) "Child care center" or "day care center" means a facility,
- 18 other than a private residence, receiving 1 or more preschool or
- 19 school-age children for care for periods of less than 24 hours a
- 20 day, where the parents or guardians are not immediately available
- 21 to the child. Child care center or day care center includes a
- 22 facility that provides care for not less than 2 consecutive weeks,
- 23 regardless of the number of hours of care per day. The facility is
- 24 generally described as a child care center, day care center, day
- 25 nursery, nursery school, parent cooperative preschool, play group,
- 26 before- or after-school program, or drop-in center. Child care
- 27 center or day care center does not include any of the following:

1 (i) A Sunday school, a vacation bible school, or a religious

- 2 instructional class that is conducted by a religious organization
- 3 where children are attending for not more than 3 hours per day for
- 4 an indefinite period or for not more than 8 hours per day for a
- 5 period not to exceed 4 weeks during a 12-month period.
- 6 (ii) A facility operated by a religious organization where
- 7 children are in the religious organization's care for not more than
- 8 3 hours while persons responsible for the children are attending
- 9 religious services.
- 10 (iii) A program that is primarily supervised, school-age-child-
- 11 focused training in a specific subject, including, but not limited
- 12 to, dancing, drama, music, or religion. This exclusion applies only
- 13 to the time a child is involved in supervised, school-age-child-
- 14 focused training.
- 15 (iv) A program that is primarily an incident of group athletic
- 16 or social activities for school-age children sponsored by or under
- 17 the supervision of an organized club or hobby group, including, but
- 18 not limited to, youth clubs, scouting, and school-age recreational
- 19 or supplementary education programs. This exclusion applies only to
- 20 the time the school-age child is engaged in the group athletic or
- 21 social activities and if the school-age child can come and go at
- 22 will.
- (h) "Department" means the department of human services or a
- 24 successor agency or department responsible for licensure and
- 25 registration under this act.
- 26 (i) "Private home" means a private residence in which the
- 27 licensee or registrant permanently resides as a member of the

- 1 household, which residency is not contingent upon caring for
- 2 children or employment by a licensed or approved child placing
- 3 agency. Private home includes a full-time foster family home, a
- 4 full-time foster family group home, a group child care home, or a
- 5 family child care home, as follows:
- 6 (i) "Foster family home" is MEANS a private home in which 1 but
- 7 not more than 4 minor children, who are not related to an adult
- 8 member of the household by blood or marriage, or who are not placed
- 9 in the household under the Michigan adoption code, chapter X of the
- 10 probate code of 1939, 1939 PA 288, MCL 710.21 to 710.70, are given
- 11 care and supervision for 24 hours a day, for 4 or more days a week,
- 12 for 2 or more consecutive weeks, unattended by a parent, legal
- 13 quardian, or legal custodian.
- 14 (ii) "Foster family group home" means a private home in which
- 15 more than 4 but fewer than 7 minor children, who are not related to
- 16 an adult member of the household by blood or marriage, or who are
- 17 not placed in the household under the Michigan adoption code,
- 18 chapter X of the probate code of 1939, 1939 PA 288, MCL 710.21 to
- 19 710.70, are provided care for 24 hours a day, for 4 or more days a
- 20 week, for 2 or more consecutive weeks, unattended by a parent,
- 21 legal guardian, or legal custodian.
- 22 (iii) "Family child care home" means a private home in which 1
- 23 but fewer than 7 minor children are received for care and
- 24 supervision for compensation for periods of less than 24 hours a
- 25 day, unattended by a parent or legal quardian, except children
- 26 related to an adult member of the family by blood, marriage, or
- 27 adoption. Family child care home includes a home in which care is

- 1 given to an unrelated minor child for more than 4 weeks during a
- 2 calendar year. A family child care home does not include an
- 3 individual providing babysitting services for another individual.
- 4 As used in this subparagraph, "providing babysitting services"
- 5 means caring for a child on behalf of the child's parent or
- 6 guardian when the annual compensation for providing those services
- 7 does not equal or exceed \$600.00 or an amount that would according
- 8 to the internal revenue code of 1986 obligate the child's parent or
- 9 guardian to provide a form 1099-MISC to the individual for
- 10 compensation paid during the calendar year for those services.
- 11 (iv) "Group child care home" means a private home in which more
- 12 than 6 but not more than 12 minor children are given care and
- 13 supervision for periods of less than 24 hours a day unattended by a
- 14 parent or legal quardian, except children related to an adult
- 15 member of the family by blood, marriage, or adoption. Group child
- 16 care home includes a home in which care is given to an unrelated
- 17 minor child for more than 4 weeks during a calendar year.
- 18 (j) "Legal custodian" means an individual who is at least 18
- 19 years of age in whose care a minor child remains or is placed after
- 20 a court makes a finding under section 13a(5) of chapter XIIA of the
- 21 probate code of 1939, 1939 PA 288, MCL 712A.13a.
- (k) "Licensee" means a person, partnership, firm, corporation,
- 23 association, nongovernmental organization, or local or state
- 24 government child care organization that has been issued a license
- 25 under this act to operate a child care organization.
- (l) "Provisional license" means a license issued to a child
- 27 care organization that is temporarily unable to conform to all of

- 1 the rules promulgated under this act.
- 2 (m) "Regular license" means a license issued to a child care
- 3 organization indicating that the organization is in compliance with

- 4 all rules promulgated under this act.
- 5 (n) "Guardian" means the guardian of the person.
- 6 (o) "Minor child" means any of the following:
- 7 (i) A person less than 18 years of age.
- 8 (ii) A PERSON WHO IS A RESIDENT IN A CHILD CARING INSTITUTION,
- 9 FOSTER FAMILY HOME, OR FOSTER FAMILY GROUP HOME, WHO IS AT LEAST 18
- 10 BUT LESS THAN 21 YEARS OF AGE, AND WHO MEETS THE REQUIREMENTS OF
- 11 THE YOUNG ADULT VOLUNTARY FOSTER CARE ACT.
- 12 (iii) (iii) A person who is a resident in a child caring
- 13 institution, children's camp, foster family home, or foster family
- 14 group home; who becomes 18 years of age while residing in the A
- 15 child caring institution, children's camp, foster family home, or
- 16 foster family group home; and who continues residing in the A child
- 17 caring institution, children's camp, foster family home, or foster
- 18 family group home to receive care, maintenance, training, and
- 19 supervision. A minor child under this subparagraph does not include
- 20 a person 18 years of age or older who is placed in a child caring
- 21 institution, foster family home, or foster family group home under
- 22 an adjudication under section 2(a) of chapter XIIA of the probate
- 23 code of 1939, 1939 PA 288, MCL 712A.2, or UNDER section 1 of
- 24 chapter IX of the code of criminal procedure, 1927 PA 175, MCL
- 25 769.1. This subparagraph applies only if the number of those
- 26 residents who become 18 years of age does not exceed the following:
- 27 (A) Two, if the total number of residents is 10 or fewer.

1 (B) Three, if the total number of residents is not less than

- 2 11 and not more than 14.
- 3 (C) Four, if the total number of residents is not less than 15
- 4 and not more than 20.
- 5 (D) Five, if the total number of residents is 21 or more.
- 6 (iv) (iii)—A person 18 years of age or older who is placed in AN
- 7 UNLICENSED RESIDENCE UNDER SECTION 5(4) OR a foster family home
- **8** under section 5(7).
- 9 (p) "Registrant" means a person who has been issued a
- 10 certificate of registration under this act to operate a family
- 11 child care home.
- 12 (q) "Registration" means the process by which the department
- 13 regulates family child care homes, and includes the requirement
- 14 that a family child care home certify to the department that the
- 15 family child care home has complied with and will continue to
- 16 comply with the rules promulgated under this act.
- 17 (r) "Certificate of registration" means a written document
- 18 issued under this act to a family child care home through
- 19 registration.
- 20 (s) "Related" means a—IN THE RELATIONSHIP OF parent,
- 21 grandparent, brother, sister, stepparent, stepsister, stepbrother,
- 22 uncle, aunt, cousin, great aunt, great uncle, or stepgrandparent
- 23 related by marriage, blood, or adoption.
- 24 (t) "Religious organization" means a church, ecclesiastical
- 25 corporation, or group, not organized for pecuniary profit, that
- 26 gathers for mutual support and edification in piety or worship of a
- 27 supreme deity.

- 1 (u) "School-age child" means a child who is eligible to be
- 2 enrolled in a grade of kindergarten or above, but is less than 13
- years of age.
- 4 (v) "Licensee designee" means the individual designated in
- 5 writing by the board of directors of the corporation or by the
- 6 owner or person with legal authority to act on behalf of the
- 7 company or organization on licensing matters. All license
- 8 applications must be signed by the licensee in the case of the
- 9 individual or by a member of the corporation, company, or
- 10 organization.
- 11 (2) A facility or program for school-age children that is
- 12 currently operated and has been in operation and licensed or
- 13 approved as provided in this act for a minimum of 2 years may apply
- 14 to the department to be exempt from inspections and on-site visits
- 15 required under section 5. The department shall respond to a
- 16 facility or program requesting exemption from inspections and on-
- 17 site visits required under section 5 as provided under this
- 18 subsection within 45 days from the date the completed application
- 19 is received. The department may grant exemption from inspections
- 20 and on-site visits required under section 5 to a facility or
- 21 program that meets all of the following criteria:
- 22 (a) The facility or program has been in operation and licensed
- 23 or approved under this act for a minimum of 2 years immediately
- 24 preceding the application date.
- 25 (b) During the 2 years immediately preceding the application
- 26 date, the facility or program has not had a substantial violation
- 27 of this act, rules promulgated under this act, or the terms of a

- 1 licensure or an approval under this act.
- 2 (c) The school board, board of directors, or governing body
- 3 adopts a resolution supporting the application for exemption from
- 4 inspections and on-site visits required under section 5 as provided
- 5 for in this subsection.
- 6 (3) A facility or program granted exemption from inspections
- 7 and on-site visits required under section 5 as provided under
- 8 subsection (2) is required to maintain status as a licensed or
- 9 approved program under this act and must continue to meet the
- 10 requirements of this act, the rules promulgated under this act, or
- 11 the terms of a license or approval under this act. A facility or
- 12 program granted exemption from inspections and on-site visits
- 13 required under section 5 as provided under subsection (2) is
- 14 subject to an investigation by the department if a violation of
- 15 this act or a violation of a rule promulgated under this act is
- 16 alleged.
- 17 (4) A facility or program granted exemption from inspections
- 18 and on-site visits required under section 5 as provided under
- 19 subsection (2) is not subject to interim or annual licensing
- 20 reviews. A-SUCH A facility or program granted exemption from
- 21 inspections and on-site visits required under section 5 as provided
- 22 under subsection (2) is required to submit documentation annually
- 23 demonstrating compliance with the requirements of this act, the
- 24 rules promulgated under this act, or the terms of a license or
- 25 approval under this act.
- 26 (5) An exemption provided under subsection (2) may be
- 27 rescinded by the department if the facility or program willfully

- 1 and substantially violates this act, the rules promulgated under
- 2 this act, or the terms of a license or approval granted under this

- 3 act.
- 4 Sec. 5. (1) A person, partnership, firm, corporation,
- 5 association, or nongovernmental organization shall not establish or
- 6 maintain a child care organization unless licensed or registered by
- 7 the department. Application for a license or certificate of
- 8 registration shall be made on forms provided, and in the manner
- 9 prescribed, by the department. Before issuing or renewing a
- 10 license, the department shall investigate the applicant's
- 11 activities and proposed standards of care and shall make an on-site
- 12 visit of the proposed or established organization. Except as
- 13 otherwise provided in this subsection, if the department is
- 14 satisfied as to the need for a child care organization, its
- 15 financial stability, the applicant's good moral character, and that
- 16 the services and facilities are conducive to the welfare of the
- 17 children, the department shall issue or renew the license. If a
- 18 county juvenile agency as defined in section 2 of the county
- 19 juvenile agency act, 1998 PA 518, MCL 45.622, certifies to the
- 20 department that it intends to contract with an applicant for a new
- 21 license, the department shall issue or deny the license within 60
- 22 days after it receives a complete application as provided in
- 23 section 5b. The department shall not issue a license to or renew a
- 24 license of an applicant if any of the following persons have been
- 25 convicted of child abuse under section 136b of the Michigan penal
- 26 code, 1931 PA 328, MCL 750.136b, or neglect under section 145 of
- 27 the Michigan penal code, 1931 PA 328, MCL 750.145:

- 1 (a) The individual applicant.
- 2 (b) The owner, partner, or director of the applying
- 3 organization, if other than an individual.
- 4 (2) The department shall issue a certificate of registration
- 5 to a person who has successfully completed an orientation session
- 6 offered by the department and who certifies to the department that
- 7 the family child care home has complied with and will continue to
- 8 comply with the rules promulgated under this act and will provide
- 9 services and facilities, as determined by the department, conducive
- 10 to the welfare of children. The department shall make available to
- 11 applicants for registration an orientation session regarding this
- 12 act, the rules promulgated under this act, and the needs of
- 13 children in family child care before issuing a certificate of
- 14 registration. The department shall issue a certificate of
- 15 registration to a specific person at a specific location. A
- 16 certificate of registration is nontransferable and remains the
- 17 property of the department. Within 90 days after initial
- 18 registration, the department shall make an on-site visit of the
- 19 family child care home.
- 20 (3) The department may authorize a licensed child placing
- 21 agency or an approved governmental unit to investigate a foster
- 22 family home or a foster family group home according to subsection
- 23 (1) and to certify that the foster family home or foster family
- 24 group home meets the licensing requirements prescribed by this act.
- 25 Before certifying to the department that a foster family home or
- 26 foster family group home meets the licensing requirements
- 27 prescribed by this act, the licensed child placing agency or

- 1 approved governmental unit shall receive and review a medical
- 2 statement for each member of the household indicating that he or
- 3 she does not have a known condition that would affect the care of a

- 4 foster child. The medical statement required under this section
- 5 shall be signed and dated by a physician licensed under article 15
- 6 of the public health code, 1978 PA 368, MCL 333.16101 to 333.18838,
- 7 a physician's assistant licensed under article 15 of the public
- 8 health code, 1978 PA 368, MCL 333.16101 to 333.18838, or a
- 9 certified nurse practitioner licensed as a registered professional
- 10 nurse under part 172 of the public health code, 1978 PA 368, MCL
- 11 333.17201 to 333.17242, who has been issued a specialty
- 12 certification as a nurse practitioner by the board of nursing under
- 13 section 17210 of the public health code, 1978 PA 368, MCL
- 14 333.17210, within the 12 months immediately preceding the date of
- 15 the initial evaluation. This subsection does not require new or
- 16 additional third party reimbursement or worker's compensation
- 17 benefits for services rendered. A foster family home or a foster
- 18 family group home shall be certified for licensing by the
- 19 department by only 1 child placing agency or approved governmental
- 20 unit. Other child placing agencies may place children in a foster
- 21 family home or foster family group home only upon the approval of
- 22 the certifying agency or governmental unit.
- 23 (4) The department may authorize a licensed child placing
- 24 agency or an approved governmental unit to place a child who is 16
- 25 or 17 AT LEAST 16 BUT LESS THAN 21 years of age in his or her own
- 26 unlicensed residence, or in the unlicensed residence of an adult
- 27 who has no supervisory responsibility for the child, if a child

- 1 placing agency or governmental unit retains supervisory
- 2 responsibility for the child. IF THE CHILD IS AT LEAST 18 BUT LESS
- 3 THAN 21 YEARS OF AGE, HE OR SHE MUST MEET THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE
- 4 YOUNG ADULT VOLUNTARY FOSTER CARE ACT.
- 5 (5) A licensed child placing agency, child caring institution,
- 6 and an approved governmental unit shall provide the state court
- 7 administrative office and a local foster care review board
- 8 established under 1984 PA 422, MCL 722.131 to 722.139a, those
- 9 records requested pertaining to children in foster care placement
- 10 for more than 6 months.
- 11 (6) The department may authorize a licensed child placing
- 12 agency or an approved governmental unit to place a child who is 16
- 13 or 17 years old in an adult foster care family home or an adult
- 14 foster care small group home licensed under the adult foster care
- 15 facility licensing act, 1979 PA 218, MCL 400.701 to 400.737, if a
- 16 licensed child placing agency or approved governmental unit retains
- 17 supervisory responsibility for the child and certifies to the
- 18 department all of the following:
- 19 (a) The placement is in the best interests of the child.
- 20 (b) The child's needs can be adequately met by the adult
- 21 foster care family home or small group home.
- (c) The child will be compatible with other residents of the
- 23 adult foster care family home or small group home.
- 24 (d) The child placing agency or approved governmental unit
- 25 will periodically reevaluate the placement of a child under this
- 26 subsection to determine that the criteria for placement in
- 27 subdivisions (a) through (c) continue to be met.

1 (7) On an exception basis, the director of the department, or

- 2 his or her designee, may authorize a licensed child placing agency
- 3 or an approved governmental unit to place an adult in a foster
- 4 family home if a licensed child placing agency or approved
- 5 governmental unit certifies to the department all of the following:
- 6 (a) The adult is a person with a developmental disability as
- 7 defined by section 100a of the mental health code, 1974 PA 258, MCL
- 8 330.1100a, or a person who is otherwise neurologically disabled and
- 9 is also physically limited to a degree that requires complete
- 10 physical assistance with mobility and activities of daily living.
- 11 (b) The placement is in the best interests of the adult and
- 12 will not adversely affect the interests of the foster child or
- 13 children residing in the foster family home.
- 14 (c) The identified needs of the adult can be met by the foster
- 15 family home.
- 16 (d) The adult will be compatible with other residents of the
- 17 foster family home.
- 18 (e) The child placing agency or approved governmental unit
- 19 will periodically reevaluate the placement of an adult under this
- 20 subsection to determine that the criteria for placement in
- 21 subdivisions (a) through (d) continue to be met and document that
- 22 the adult is receiving care consistent with the administrative
- 23 rules for a child placing agency.
- 24 (8) On an exception basis, the director of the department, or
- 25 his or her designee, may authorize a licensed child placing agency
- 26 or an approved governmental unit to place a child in an adult
- 27 foster care family home or an adult foster care small group home

- 1 licensed under the adult foster care facility licensing act, 1979
- 2 PA 218, MCL 400.701 to 400.737, if the licensed child placing
- 3 agency or approved governmental unit certifies to the department
- 4 all of the following:
- 5 (a) The placement is in the best interests of the child.
- **6** (b) The placement has the concurrence of the parent or
- 7 quardian of the child.
- 8 (c) The identified needs of the child can be met adequately by
- 9 the adult foster care family home or small group home.
- 10 (d) The child's psychosocial and clinical needs are compatible
- 11 with those of other residents of the adult foster care family home
- 12 or small group home.
- 13 (e) The clinical treatment of the child's condition is similar
- 14 to that of the other residents of the adult foster care family home
- or small group home.
- 16 (f) The child's cognitive level is consistent with the
- 17 cognitive level of the other residents of the adult foster care
- 18 family home or small group home.
- 19 (g) The child is neurologically disabled and is also
- 20 physically limited to a degree that requires complete physical
- 21 assistance with mobility and activities of daily living.
- (h) The child placing agency or approved governmental unit
- 23 will periodically reevaluate the placement of a child under this
- 24 subsection to determine that the criteria for placement in
- 25 subdivisions (a) to (g) continue to be met.
- 26 (9) Except as provided in subsection (1) and section 5b, the
- 27 department shall issue an initial or renewal license or

1 registration under this act for child care centers, group child

- 2 care homes, and family child care homes not later than 6 months
- 3 after the applicant files a completed application. Receipt of the
- 4 application is considered the date the application is received by
- 5 any agency or department of this state. If the application is
- 6 considered incomplete by the department, the department shall
- 7 notify the applicant in writing or make notice electronically
- 8 available within 30 days after receipt of the incomplete
- 9 application, describing the deficiency and requesting additional
- 10 information. This subsection does not affect the time period within
- 11 which an on-site visit to a family child care home shall be made.
- 12 If the department identifies a deficiency or requires the
- 13 fulfillment of a corrective action plan, the 6-month period is
- 14 tolled until either of the following occurs:
- 15 (a) Upon notification by the department of a deficiency, until
- 16 the date the requested information is received by the department.
- 17 (b) Upon notification by the department that a corrective
- 18 action plan is required, until the date the department determines
- 19 the requirements of the corrective action plan have been met.
- 20 (10) The determination of the completeness of an application
- 21 is not an approval of the application for the license and does not
- 22 confer eligibility on an applicant determined otherwise ineligible
- 23 for issuance of a license.
- 24 (11) Except as provided in subsection (1) and section 5b, if
- 25 the department fails to issue or deny a license or registration to
- 26 a child care center, group child care home, or family child care
- 27 home within the time required by this section, the department shall

1 return the license or registration fee and shall reduce the license

- 2 or registration fee for the applicant's next renewal application,
- 3 if any, by 15%. Failure to issue or deny a license to a child care
- 4 center, group child care home, or family child care home within the
- 5 time period required under this section does not allow the
- 6 department to otherwise delay the processing of the application. A
- 7 completed application shall be placed in sequence with other
- 8 completed applications received at that same time. The department
- 9 shall not discriminate against an applicant in the processing of an
- 10 application based on the fact that the application fee was refunded
- 11 or discounted under this subsection.
- 12 (12) If, on a continual basis, inspections performed by a
- 13 local health department delay the department in issuing or denying
- 14 licenses or registrations for child care centers, group day care
- 15 homes, and family child care homes under this act within the 6-
- 16 month period, the department may use department staff to complete
- 17 the inspections instead of the local health department causing the
- 18 delays.
- 19 (13) The **DEPARTMENT** director of the department shall submit a
- 20 report by December 1 of each year to the standing committees and
- 21 appropriations subcommittees of the senate and house of
- 22 representatives concerned with human services and children's
- 23 issues. The DEPARTMENT director shall include IN THE REPORT all of
- 24 the following information regarding applications for licenses and
- 25 registrations only for child care centers, group child care homes,
- 26 and family child care homes filed under this act in the report
- 27 concerning DURING the preceding fiscal year:

- 1 (a) The number of initial and renewal applications the
- 2 department received and completed within the 6-month time period
- 3 described in subsection (9).
- 4 (b) The number of applications requiring a request for
- 5 additional information.
- 6 (c) The number of applications rejected.
- 7 (d) The number of licenses and registrations not issued within
- 8 the 6-month period.
- 9 (e) The average processing time for initial and renewal
- 10 licenses and registrations granted after the 6-month period.
- 11 (14) Except as provided in section 5c(8), the department shall
- 12 not issue to or renew the license of a child care organization
- 13 under this act without requesting a criminal history check and
- 14 criminal records check as required by section 5c. If a criminal
- 15 history check or criminal records check performed under section 5c
- 16 or information obtained as a result of notification from the
- 17 department of state police under section 5k reveals that an
- 18 applicant for a license under this act has been convicted of a
- 19 listed offense, the department shall not issue a license to that
- 20 applicant. If a criminal history check or criminal records check
- 21 performed under section 5c or information obtained as a result of
- 22 notification from the department of state police under section 5k
- 23 reveals that an applicant for renewal of a license under this act
- 24 has been convicted of a listed offense, the department shall not
- 25 renew that license. If a criminal history check or criminal records
- 26 check performed under section 5c or information obtained as a
- 27 result of notification from the department of state police under

1 section 5k reveals that a current licensee has been convicted of a

- 2 listed offense, the department shall revoke the license of that
- 3 licensee.
- 4 (15) Except as provided in section 5f(13), the department
- 5 shall not issue or renew a certificate of registration to a family
- 6 child care home or a license to a group child care home under this
- 7 act without requesting a criminal history check and criminal
- 8 records check as required by sections 5f and 5g. If a criminal
- 9 history check or criminal records check performed under section 5f
- 10 or 5q or information obtained as a result of notification from the
- 11 department of state police under section 5k reveals that an
- 12 applicant for a certificate of registration or license under this
- 13 act or a person over 18 years of age residing in that applicant's
- 14 home has been convicted of a listed offense, the department shall
- 15 not issue a certificate of registration or license to that
- 16 applicant. If a criminal history check or criminal records check
- 17 performed under section 5f or 5g or information obtained as a
- 18 result of notification from the department of state police under
- 19 section 5k reveals that an applicant for renewal of a certificate
- 20 of registration or license under this act or a person over 18 years
- 21 of age residing in that applicant's home has been convicted of a
- 22 listed offense, the department shall not renew a certificate of
- 23 registration or license to that applicant. If a criminal history
- 24 check or criminal records check performed under section 5f or 5g or
- 25 information obtained as a result of notification from the
- 26 department of state police under section 5k reveals that a current
- 27 registrant or licensee under this act or a person over 18 years of

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          (16) Except as provided in section 5h(7), the department shall
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    not issue or renew a license to operate a foster family home or
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- 1 years of age residing in that licensee's foster family home or
- 2 foster family group home has been convicted of a listed offense,
- 3 the department shall revoke that licensee's license.
- 4 (17) As used in this section:
- 5 (a) "Completed application" means an application complete on
- 6 its face and submitted with any applicable licensing or
- 7 registration fees as well as any other information, records,
- 8 approval, security, or similar item required by law or rule from a
- 9 local unit of government, a federal agency, or a private entity but
- 10 not from another department or agency of this state. A completed
- 11 application does not include a health inspection performed by a
- 12 local health department.
- 13 (b) "Good moral character" means that term as defined in and
- 14 determined under 1974 PA 381, MCL 338.41 to 338.47.
- 15 (c) "Member of the household" means any individual, other than
- 16 a foster child, who resides in a foster family home or foster
- 17 family group home on an ongoing or recurrent basis.
- 18 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act does not take effect
- 19 unless Senate Bill No. 435 of the 96th Legislature is enacted into
- 20 law.