

A BILL

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To amend, on an emergency basis, due to congressional review, the Child Development Facilities Regulation Act of 1998 to exempt parent-led play cooperatives from the requirements of the Child Development Facilities Regulation Act of 1998.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this act may be cited as the “Parent-led Play Cooperative Congressional Review Emergency Amendment Act of 2019”.

Sec. 2. The Child Development Facilities Regulation Act of 1998, effective April 13, 1999 (D.C. Law 12-215; D.C. Official Code § 7-2031 *et seq.*), is amended as follows:

(a) Section 2 (D.C. Official Code § 7-2031) is amended by adding a new paragraph (5A) to read as follows:

“(5A) “Parent-led play cooperative” means a group of parents, step-parents, or legal guardians of participating children, including a group organized through a nonprofit organization, who have agreed to supervise the participating children during group meetings and that:

“(A) Meets at predetermined times for less than a full day;

“(B) Meets at locations other than a home of one of the parents, step-parents, or legal guardians in the group;

32 “(C) Does not require payment by parents, step-parents, or legal
33 guardians, other than to cover the costs of administering the group, including rent, insurance,
34 equipment, and activities;

35 “(D) Does not employ any individual to supervise participating children
36 on behalf of parents; provided, that a parent-led play cooperative may employ an individual to:

37 “(i) Facilitate activities while parents, step-parents, or legal
38 guardians supervise the participating children; or

39 “(ii) Assist with administering the group;

40 “(E) Requires, as a prerequisite to joining the group, that a parent, step-
41 parent, or legal guardian of each participating child in the group volunteer a minimum number of
42 hours to supervise the participating children during meetings, regardless of whether the group
43 requires parents, step-parents, or legal guardians of every child to be present at every meeting;
44 and

45 “(F) Notifies, upon registration with the group, the parents, step-parents,
46 and legal guardians of each participating child in the group that the group is not a child
47 development facility licensed pursuant to this act.”.

48 (b) Section 4 (D.C. Official Code § 7-2033) is amended by adding a new paragraph (2A)
49 to read as follows:

50 “(2A) “Parent-led play cooperative;”.

51 Sec. 3. Applicability.

52 This act shall apply as of January 21, 2019.

53 Sec. 4. Fiscal impact statement.

54 The Council adopts the fiscal impact statement of the Budget Director as the fiscal impact
55 statement required by section 4a of the General Legislative Procedures Act of 1975, approved
56 October 16, 2006 (120 Stat. 2038; D.C. Official Code § 1-301.47a).

57 Sec. 5. Effective date.

58 This act shall take effect following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto by the
59 Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto), and shall remain in effect for no longer than
60 90 days, as provided for emergency acts of the Council of the District of Columbia in section
61 412(a) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 788;
62 D.C. Official Code § 1-204.12(a)).

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