

1 AN ACT concerning child welfare services agencies.

2 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,
3 represented in the General Assembly:

4 Section 5. The Child Care Act of 1969 is amended by
5 changing Section 4 as follows:

6 (225 ILCS 10/4) (from Ch. 23, par. 2214)

7 Sec. 4. License requirement; application; notice.

8 (a) Any person, group of persons or corporation who or
9 which receives children or arranges for care or placement of
10 one or more children unrelated to the operator must apply for
11 a license to operate one of the types of facilities defined
12 in Sections 2.05 through 2.20 ~~2-19~~ and in Section 2.22 of
13 this Act. Any relative who receives a child or children for
14 placement by the Department on a full-time basis may apply
15 for a license to operate a foster family home as defined in
16 Section 2.17 of this Act.

17 (b) Application for a license to operate a child care
18 facility must be made to the Department in the manner and on
19 forms prescribed by it. An application to operate a foster
20 family home shall include, at a minimum: a completed written
21 form; written authorization by the applicant and all adult
22 members of the applicant's household to conduct a criminal
23 background investigation; medical evidence in the form of a
24 medical report, on forms prescribed by the Department, that
25 the applicant and all members of the household are free from
26 communicable diseases or physical and mental conditions that
27 affect their ability to provide care for the child or
28 children; the names and addresses of at least 3 persons not
29 related to the applicant who can attest to the applicant's
30 moral character; and fingerprints submitted by the applicant
31 and all adult members of the applicant's household.

1 (c) The Department shall notify the public when a child
2 care institution, maternity center, or group home licensed by
3 the Department undergoes a change in (i) the range of care or
4 services offered at the facility, (ii) the age or type of
5 children served, or (iii) the area within the facility used
6 by children. The Department shall notify the public of the
7 change in a newspaper of general circulation in the county or
8 municipality in which the applicant's facility is or is
9 proposed to be located.

10 (d) If, upon examination of the facility and
11 investigation of persons responsible for care of children,
12 the Department is satisfied that the facility and responsible
13 persons reasonably meet standards prescribed for the type of
14 facility for which application is made, it shall issue a
15 license in proper form, designating on that license the type
16 of child care facility and, except for a child welfare
17 agency, the number of children to be served at any one time.
18 (Source: P.A. 89-21, eff. 7-1-95; 90-90, eff. 7-11-97;
19 90-608, eff. 6-30-98.)

20 Section 10. The Child Care Act of 1969 is amended by
21 adding Section 4.5 as follows:

22 (225 ILCS 10/4.5 new)

23 Sec. 4.5. Accreditation. Any child care institution,
24 group home, maternity center, youth emergency shelter, secure
25 child care facility, or child welfare agency that contracts
26 with the Department to provide child welfare services must be
27 accredited by an agency approved by the Department. The
28 accreditation must occur on or before October 1, 2001 for any
29 child welfare agency and within 2 years of the effective date
30 of this Act for any child care institution, group home,
31 maternity center, youth emergency shelter , or secure child
32 care facility.

1 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
2 becoming law.