

1 AN ACT concerning child care.

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 2.09 as follows:

6 (225 ILCS 10/2.09) (from Ch. 23, par. 2212.09)

7 Sec. 2.09. "Day care center" means any child care
8 facility which regularly provides day care for less than 24
9 hours per day for (1) more than 8 children in a family home,
10 or (2) more than 3 children in a facility other than a family
11 home, including senior citizen buildings. The term does not
12 include (a) programs operated by (i) public or private
13 elementary school systems or secondary level school units or
14 institutions of higher learning that which serve children who
15 shall have attained the age of 3 years or (ii) private
16 entities on the grounds of public or private elementary or
17 secondary schools and that serve children who have attained
18 the age of 3 years; (b) programs or that portion of the
19 program which serves children who shall have attained the age
20 of 3 years and which are recognized by the State Board of
21 Education; (c) educational program or programs serving
22 children who shall have attained the age of 3 years and which
23 are operated by a school which is registered with the State
24 Board of Education and which is recognized or accredited by a
25 recognized national or multistate educational organization or
26 association which regularly recognizes or accredits schools;
27 (d) programs which exclusively serve or that portion of the
28 program which serves handicapped children who shall have
29 attained the age of 3 years but are less than 21 years of age
30 and which are registered and approved as meeting standards of
31 the State Board of Education and applicable fire marshal

1 standards; (e) facilities operated in connection with a
2 shopping center or service, religious services, or other
3 similar facility, where transient children are cared for
4 temporarily while parents or custodians of the children are
5 occupied on the premises and readily available; (f) any type
6 of day care center that is conducted on federal government
7 premises; (g) special activities programs, including
8 athletics, crafts instruction and similar activities
9 conducted on an organized and periodic basis by civic,
10 charitable and governmental organizations; (h) part day child
11 care facilities, as defined in Section 2.10 of this Act; or
12 (i) programs or that portion of the program which (1) serves
13 children who shall have attained the age of 3 years, (2) is
14 operated by churches or religious institutions as described
15 in Section 501 (c) (3) of the federal Internal Revenue Code,
16 (3) receives no governmental aid, (4) is operated as a
17 component of a religious, nonprofit elementary school, (5)
18 operates primarily to provide religious education, and (6)
19 meets appropriate State or local health and fire safety
20 standards.

21 For purposes of (a), (b), (c), (d) and (i) of this
22 Section, "children who shall have attained the age of 3
23 years" shall mean children who are 3 years of age, but less
24 than 4 years of age, at the time of enrollment in the
25 program.

26 (Source: P.A. 88-302.)

27 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
28 becoming law.