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AN ACT to amend the social services law, in relation to outdoor, nature-based child care

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

1 Section 1. Legislative findings and statement of purpose. The legisla-  
2 ture hereby finds that it is in the interest of the state to provide  
3 children with the opportunity to learn and develop in natural outdoor  
4 environments. Not only do outdoor activities promote physical fitness  
5 and reduce the risk of obesity and related health issues among children,  
6 but numerous studies have shown that exposure to nature enhances cogni-  
7 tive abilities, creativity, problem-solving skills, and overall mental  
8 health. In addition, outdoor child care fosters a sense of connection  
9 and appreciation for the natural environment, promotes the development  
10 of self-efficacy, autonomy, and overall confidence in interacting with  
11 the natural environment, instills environmental values, and promotes  
12 sustainable practices.

13 The purpose of this act is to recognize the importance of nature in  
14 children's development by providing them with access to outdoor learning  
15 environments, thereby encouraging them to engage in physical activities  
16 and explore nature, fostering a naturally healthy lifestyle from an  
17 early age and contributing to the development and well-being of children  
18 in our state and, ultimately, contributing to the preservation and  
19 conservation of our natural resources.

20 § 2. Subdivision 1 of section 390 of the social services law is  
21 amended by adding a new paragraph (h) to read as follows:

22 (h) "Outdoor, nature-based child care" shall mean a program caring for  
23 children that: (i) enrolls preschool or school-age children; (ii)

EXPLANATION--Matter in italics (underscored) is new; matter in brackets  
[-] is old law to be omitted.

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1 provides early learning services in an outdoor space for not less than  
2 four hours per day or fifty percent of the total daily program hours,  
3 whichever is less; and (iii) employs a curriculum with nature to teach  
4 enrolled children.

5 § 3. Section 390 of the social services law is amended by adding a new  
6 subdivision 2-b to read as follows:

7 2-b. (a) The office of children and family services shall establish an  
8 outdoor, nature-based child care program, shall adopt rules and regu-  
9 lations to implement such program, and may waive or adapt existing child  
10 care licensing requirements designed for indoor child care facilities  
11 where necessary in order to allow for the operation of licensed outdoor,  
12 nature-based child care classrooms, including but not limited to rules  
13 for: (i) ensuring adequate shelter to ensure safety during inclement  
14 weather but not requiring a building configured for indoor program  
15 delivery; (ii) use of buildings for emergencies; (iii) fire drills for  
16 programs without a permanent indoor space; (iv) requirements related to  
17 the safety of children during inclement weather conditions and account-  
18 ing for outdoor hazards; (v) reporting of falls, cuts, and scrapes, or  
19 other minor non-emergency injuries; (vi) additional training for staff  
20 in skills for outdoor child care settings, including outdoor classroom  
21 management, behavior management, risky play analysis, directional profi-  
22 ciency in the use of cardinal directions, compasses, and the navigation  
23 of natural terrain, familiarity with flora and fauna, wilderness first  
24 aid and skills; and (vii) minimum standards for an outdoor, nature-  
25 based, early learning curriculum.

26 (b) The office of children and family services shall convene an advi-  
27 sory group of outdoor, nature-based early learning practitioners to  
28 inform and support implementation of the outdoor, nature-based child  
29 care program. Such advisory group shall review best practices and  
30 research for outdoor education and child care in outdoor education  
31 settings and help inform the development of outdoor, nature-based child  
32 care regulations, including minimum standards for a nature-based early  
33 learning curriculum. The advisory group shall be compensated only for  
34 travel.

35 (c) The office of children and family services shall establish a pilot  
36 program for licensed outdoor, nature-based child cares in order to:

37 (i) expand access to affordable, high-quality early learning and child  
38 care programs; and

39 (ii) investigate the benefits of outdoor, nature-based classrooms.

40 (d) The office of children and family services shall select, or devel-  
41 op with eligible child care providers, up to ten outdoor, nature-based  
42 child care programs to participate in the pilot program during the first  
43 year of the pilot program.

44 (e) when selecting and approving outdoor, nature-based child care  
45 programs to participate in the pilot program, the office of children and  
46 family services shall:

47 (i) give priority to:

48 (1) existing outdoor, nature-based child care programs that are  
49 already licensed as camps; and

50 (2) existing licensed child care centers or registered family child  
51 care homes seeking to expand into nature-based early learning;

52 (3) areas where there are few or limited licensed child care programs;  
53 and

54 (4) areas of need where licensed child care programs are at or near  
55 full capacity, and where access may be restricted by enrollment wait-  
56 lists.

1 (ii) to the extent practicable, select a mix of rural, urban, and  
2 suburban programs.

3 (f) Within two years after the establishment of the pilot program, the  
4 office of children and family services shall prepare and publish a  
5 report on the activities and outcomes of the outdoor, nature-based child  
6 care pilot program.

7 § 4. Subdivision 2 of section 390 of the social services law, as added  
8 by chapter 750 of the laws of 1990, paragraph (a) as amended by section  
9 3, clause (A) of subparagraph (ii) of paragraph (d) as amended by  
10 section 4 and paragraph (d-1) as added by section 2-a of part H of chap-  
11 ter 56 of the laws of 2019 and subparagraphs (i) and (ii) of paragraph  
12 (d) as amended by chapter 416 of the laws of 2000, is amended to read as  
13 follows:

14 2. (a) Child day care centers or outdoor, nature-based child cares  
15 caring for seven or more children and group family day care programs, as  
16 defined in subdivision one of this section, shall obtain a license from  
17 the office of children and family services and shall operate in accord-  
18 ance with the terms of such license and the regulations of such office.  
19 Initial licenses and subsequent licenses shall be valid for a period of  
20 up to four years so long as the provider remains substantially in  
21 compliance with applicable law and regulations during such period.

22 (b) Family day care homes, child day care centers caring for at least  
23 three but fewer than seven children, outdoor, nature-based child cares,  
24 and school-age child care programs shall register with the department  
25 and shall operate in compliance with the regulations of the department.

26 (c) Any child day care provider not required to obtain a license  
27 pursuant to paragraph (a) of this subdivision or to register with the  
28 department pursuant to paragraph (b) of this subdivision may register  
29 with the department.

30 (d) (i) The office of children and family services shall promulgate  
31 regulations for licensure and for registration of child day care pursu-  
32 ant to this section. Procedures for obtaining a license or registration  
33 or renewing a license shall include a satisfactory inspection of the  
34 facility or outdoor, nature-based child care by the office of children  
35 and family services prior to issuance of the license or registration or  
36 renewal of the license.

37 (ii) (A) Initial registrations and subsequent registrations shall be  
38 valid for a period of up to four years so long as the provider remains  
39 substantially in compliance with applicable law and regulations during  
40 such period.

41 (B) After initial registration by the child day care provider, the  
42 office of children and family services shall not accept any subsequent  
43 registration by such provider, unless:

44 (1) such provider has met the training requirements set forth in  
45 section three hundred ninety-a of this title;

46 (2) such provider has met the requirements of section three hundred  
47 ninety-b of this title relating to criminal history screening;

48 (3) such provider has complied with the requirements of section four  
49 hundred twenty-four-a of this article; and

50 (4) the office of children and family services has received no  
51 complaints about the home, center, outdoor, nature-based child care, or  
52 program alleging statutory or regulatory violations, or, having received  
53 such complaints, the office of children and family services has deter-  
54 mined, after inspection pursuant to paragraph (a) of subdivision three  
55 of this section, that the home, center, outdoor, nature-based child

1 care, or program is operated in compliance with applicable statutory and  
2 regulatory requirements.

3 (C) Where the office of children and family services has determined  
4 that a registration should not be continued because the requirements of  
5 clause (B) of this subparagraph have not been satisfied, the office of  
6 children and family services may terminate the registration. If the  
7 office of children and family services does not terminate the registra-  
8 tion, the office of children and family services shall inspect the home,  
9 outdoor, nature-based child care, or program before acknowledging any  
10 subsequent registration. Where the home, outdoor, nature-based child  
11 care, or program has failed to meet the requirements of this section,  
12 the office of children and family services may reject any subsequent  
13 registration of a provider. Nothing herein shall prohibit the office of  
14 children and family services from terminating or suspending registration  
15 pursuant to subdivision ten of this section where the office of children  
16 and family services determines that termination or suspension is neces-  
17 sary.

18 [~~(iv)~~] (iii) Child day care providers who have been issued a license  
19 shall openly display such license in the facility, outdoor, nature-based  
20 child care location, or home for which the license is issued. Child day  
21 care providers who have registered with the department shall provide  
22 proof of registration upon request.

23 (d-1) (i) The office of children and family services shall promulgate  
24 regulations for inspections of enrolled legally exempt providers, which  
25 shall include the completion of a satisfactory inspection of the prem-  
26 ises where care is to be provided, by the office of children and family  
27 services.

28 (ii) Provided however, unless a complaint is made in or as otherwise  
29 authorized such inspections shall not be required when the enrolled  
30 legally exempt provider is an individual, age eighteen or older, and  
31 who, by virtue of blood, marriage or court decree, is, to all of the  
32 children that such person is enrolled to provide subsidized child care  
33 services to in accordance with title five-C of this article:

34 (A) a grandparent;

35 (B) a great-grandparent;

36 (C) a sibling, provided that such sibling resides in a separate house-  
37 hold from the child; or

38 (D) [~~an aunt, or~~

39 ~~(E) an uncle~~] a sibling of a parent.

40 (e) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, where a child  
41 is cared for by a parent, guardian or relative within the third degree  
42 of consanguinity of the parent of such child and such person simultane-  
43 ously provides child day care for other children, only the other chil-  
44 dren shall be considered in determining whether such person must be  
45 registered or licensed, provided that such person is not caring, in  
46 total, for more than eight children.

47 § 5. Subdivision 2-a of section 390 of the social services law, as  
48 added by chapter 416 of the laws of 2000, is amended to read as follows:

49 2-a. (a) The office of children and family services shall promulgate  
50 regulations which establish minimum quality program requirements for  
51 licensed and registered child day care homes, programs, outdoor,  
52 nature-based child cares and facilities. Such requirements shall  
53 include but not be limited to (i) the need for age appropriate activ-  
54 ities, materials and equipment to promote cognitive, educational,  
55 social, cultural, physical, emotional, language and recreational devel-  
56 opment of children in care in a safe, healthy and caring environment

1 (ii) principles of childhood development (iii) appropriate staff/child  
2 ratios for family day care homes, group family day care homes, outdoor,  
3 nature-based child cares, school age day care programs and day care  
4 centers, provided however that such staff/child ratios shall not be less  
5 stringent than applicable staff/child ratios as set forth in part four  
6 hundred fourteen, four hundred sixteen, four hundred seventeen or four  
7 hundred eighteen of title eighteen of the New York code of rules and  
8 regulations as of January first, two thousand (iv) appropriate levels of  
9 supervision of children in care (v) minimum standards for sanitation,  
10 health, infection control, nutrition, buildings and equipment, the size  
11 and suitability of a facility or location for an outdoor, nature-based  
12 child care, safety, security procedures, first aid, fire prevention,  
13 fire safety, evacuation plans and drills, prevention of child abuse and  
14 maltreatment, staff qualifications and training, record keeping, and  
15 child behavior management.

16 (b) The use of electronic monitors as a sole means of supervision of  
17 children in day care shall be prohibited, except that electronic moni-  
18 tors may be used in family day care homes and group family day care  
19 homes as an indirect means of supervision where the parents of any child  
20 to be supervised have agreed in advance to the use of such monitors as  
21 an indirect means of supervision and the use of such monitors is  
22 restricted to situations where the children so supervised are sleeping.

23 (c) No child less than six weeks of age may be cared for by a licensed  
24 or registered day care provider, except in extenuating circumstances  
25 where prior approval for care of such children has been given by the  
26 office of children and family services. Extenuating circumstances for  
27 the purposes of this section shall include but not be limited to the  
28 medical or health needs of the parent or child, or the economic hardship  
29 of the parent.

30 § 6. Paragraphs (c) and (d) of subdivision 3 of section 390 of the  
31 social services law, as amended by chapter 416 of the laws of 2000, are  
32 amended to read as follows:

33 (c) (i) The office of children and family services shall establish a  
34 toll-free statewide telephone number to receive inquiries about child  
35 day care homes, outdoor, nature-based child cares, programs and facili-  
36 ties and complaints of violations of the requirements of this section or  
37 regulations promulgated under this section. The office of children and  
38 family services shall develop a system for investigation, which shall  
39 include inspection, of such complaints. The office of children and fami-  
40 ly services may provide for such investigations through purchase of  
41 services. The office of children and family services shall develop a  
42 process for publicizing such toll-free telephone number to the public  
43 for making inquiries or complaints about child day care homes, outdoor,  
44 nature-based child cares, programs or facilities.

45 (ii) Information to be maintained and available to the public through  
46 such toll-free telephone number shall include, but not be limited to:

47 (A) current license and registration status of child day care homes,  
48 outdoor, nature-based child cares, programs and facilities including  
49 whether a license or registration is in effect or has been revoked or  
50 suspended; and

51 (B) child care resource and referral programs providing services  
52 pursuant to title five-B of this article and other resources known to  
53 the office of children and family services which relate to child day  
54 care homes, outdoor, nature-based child cares, programs and facilities  
55 in the state.

1 (iii) Upon written request identifying a particular child day care  
2 home, outdoor, nature-based child care, program or facility, the office  
3 of children and family services shall provide the information set forth  
4 below. The office of children and family services may charge reasonable  
5 fees for copies of documents provided, consistent with the provisions of  
6 article six of the public officers law. The information available pursu-  
7 ant to this clause shall be:

8 (A) the results of the most recent inspection for licensure or regis-  
9 tration and any subsequent inspections by the office of children and  
10 family services;

11 (B) complaints filed against child day care homes, outdoor, nature-  
12 based child cares, programs or facilities which describes the nature of  
13 the complaint and states how the complaint was resolved, including the  
14 status of the office of children and family services investigation, the  
15 steps taken to rectify the complaint, and the penalty, if any, imposed;  
16 and

17 (C) child day care homes, outdoor, nature-based child cares, programs  
18 or facilities which have requested or received a waiver from any appli-  
19 cable rule or regulation, and the regulatory requirement which was  
20 waived.

21 (iv) Nothing in this paragraph shall be construed to require or permit  
22 the disclosure either orally or in writing of any information that is  
23 confidential pursuant to law.

24 (d) Where investigation or inspection reveals that a child day care  
25 provider which must be licensed or registered is not, the office of  
26 children and family services shall advise the child day care provider in  
27 writing that the provider is in violation of the licensing or registra-  
28 tion requirements and shall take such further action as is necessary to  
29 cause the provider to comply with the law, including directing an unli-  
30 censed or unregistered provider to cease operation. In addition, the  
31 office of children and family services shall require the provider to  
32 notify the parents or guardians of children receiving care from the  
33 provider that the provider is in violation of the licensing or registra-  
34 tion requirements and shall require the provider to notify the office of  
35 children and family services that the provider has done so. Any provid-  
36 er who is directed to cease operations pursuant to this paragraph shall  
37 be entitled to a hearing before the office of children and family  
38 services. If the provider requests a hearing to contest the directive to  
39 cease operations, such hearing must be scheduled to commence as soon as  
40 possible but in no event later than thirty days after the receipt of the  
41 request by the office of children and family services. The provider may  
42 not operate the center, outdoor, nature-based child care, home or  
43 program after being directed to cease operations, regardless of whether  
44 a hearing is requested. If the provider does not cease operations, the  
45 office of children and family services may impose a civil penalty pursu-  
46 ant to subdivision eleven of this section, seek an injunction pursuant  
47 to section three hundred ninety-one of this title, or both.

48 § 7. Paragraph (b) of subdivision 4 of section 390 of the social  
49 services law, as added by chapter 750 of the laws of 1990, is amended to  
50 read as follows:

51 (b) Any family day care home, outdoor, nature-based care or school-age  
52 child care program licensed, registered, or certified by the department  
53 or by any authorized agency on the effective date of this section shall  
54 be deemed registered until the expiration of its then-current license or  
55 certificate unless such license or certificate is suspended or revoked  
56 pursuant to subdivision ten of this section. Family day care homes,

1 outdoor, nature-based child cares, and school-age child care programs  
2 not licensed, registered, or certified on the effective date of this  
3 section shall register pursuant to subdivision two of this section.

4 § 8. Subdivision 6 of section 390 of the social services law, as added  
5 by chapter 750 of the laws of 1990, is amended to read as follows:

6 6. Unless otherwise limited by law, a parent with legal custody or a  
7 legal guardian of any child in a child day care program shall have  
8 unlimited and on demand access to such child or ward. Such parent or  
9 guardian unless otherwise limited by law, also shall have the right to  
10 inspect on demand during its hours of operation any area of a child day  
11 care center, group family day care home, school-age child care program,  
12 outdoor, nature-based child care location or family day care home to  
13 which the child or ward of such parent or guardian has access or which  
14 could present a hazard to the health and safety of the child or ward.

15 § 9. Subdivision 8-a of section 390 of the social services law, as  
16 added by chapter 354 of the laws of 2009, is amended to read as follows:

17 8-a. The office of children and family services shall not make avail-  
18 able to the public online any group family day care home provider's,  
19 outdoor, nature-based child care provider's, or family day care provid-  
20 er's home street address or map showing the location of such provider's  
21 home or outdoor, nature-based child care location where such provider  
22 has requested to opt out of the online availability of this information.  
23 The office shall provide a written form informing a provider of their  
24 right to opt out of providing information online, and shall also permit  
25 a provider to request to opt out through the office's website.

26 § 10. Subdivision 10 of section 390 of the social services law, as  
27 amended by chapter 416 of the laws of 2000, is amended to read as  
28 follows:

29 10. Any home, outdoor, nature-based child care, or facility providing  
30 child day care shall be operated in accordance with applicable statutes  
31 and regulations. Any violation of applicable statutes or regulations  
32 shall be a basis to deny, limit, suspend, revoke, or terminate a license  
33 or registration. Consistent with articles twenty-three and  
34 twenty-three-A of the correction law, and guidelines referenced in  
35 subdivision two of section four hundred twenty-five of this article, if  
36 the office of children and family services is made aware of the exist-  
37 ence of a criminal conviction or pending criminal charge concerning an  
38 operator of a family day care home, group family day care home, school-  
39 age child care program, outdoor, nature-based child care, or child day  
40 care center or concerning any assistant, employee or volunteer in such  
41 homes, programs or centers, or any persons age eighteen or over who  
42 reside in such homes, such conviction or charge may be a basis to deny,  
43 limit, suspend, revoke, reject, or terminate a license or registration.  
44 Before any license issued pursuant to the provisions of this section is  
45 suspended or revoked, before registration pursuant to this section is  
46 suspended or terminated, or when an application for such license is  
47 denied or registration rejected, the applicant for or holder of such  
48 registration or license is entitled, pursuant to section twenty-two of  
49 this chapter and the regulations of the office of children and family  
50 services, to a hearing before the office of children and family  
51 services. However, a license or registration shall be temporarily  
52 suspended or limited without a hearing upon written notice to the opera-  
53 tor of the facility following a finding that the public health, or an  
54 individual's safety or welfare, are in imminent danger. The holder of a  
55 license or registrant is entitled to a hearing before the office of  
56 children and family services to contest the temporary suspension or

1 limitation. If the holder of a license or registrant requests a hearing  
2 to contest the temporary suspension or limitation, such hearing must be  
3 scheduled to commence as soon as possible but in no event later than  
4 thirty days after the receipt of the request by the office of children  
5 and family services. Suspension shall continue until the condition  
6 requiring suspension or limitation is corrected or until a hearing deci-  
7 sion has been issued. If the office of children and family services  
8 determines after a hearing that the temporary suspension or limitation  
9 was proper, such suspension or limitation shall be extended until the  
10 condition requiring suspension or limitation has been corrected or until  
11 the license or registration has been revoked.

12 § 11. Subdivision 11 of section 390 of the social services law, as  
13 added by chapter 750 of the laws of 1990, paragraphs (a) and (b) as  
14 amended and paragraph (d) as added by chapter 416 of the laws of 2000  
15 and paragraph (c) as amended and paragraph (e) as added by chapter 117  
16 of the laws of 2010, is amended to read as follows:

17 11. (a) (i) The office of children and family services shall adopt  
18 regulations establishing civil penalties of no more than five hundred  
19 dollars per day to be assessed against child day care centers, outdoor,  
20 nature-based child cares, school age child care programs, group family  
21 day care homes or family day care homes for violations of this section,  
22 sections three hundred ninety-a and three hundred ninety-b of this title  
23 and any regulations promulgated thereunder. The regulations establishing  
24 civil penalties shall specify the violations subject to penalty.

25 (ii) The office of children and family services shall adopt regu-  
26 lations establishing civil penalties of no more than five hundred  
27 dollars per day to be assessed against child day care providers who  
28 operate child day care centers, outdoor, nature-based child cares, or  
29 group family day care homes without a license or who operate family day  
30 care homes, school-age child care programs, or child day care centers  
31 required to be registered without obtaining such registration.

32 (iii) In addition to any other civil or criminal penalty provided by  
33 law, the office of children and family services shall have the power to  
34 assess civil penalties in accordance with its regulations adopted pursu-  
35 ant to this subdivision after a hearing conducted in accordance with  
36 procedures established by regulations of the office of children and  
37 family services. Such procedures shall require that notice of the time  
38 and place of the hearing, together with a statement of charges of  
39 violations, shall be served in person or by certified mail addressed to  
40 the school age child care program, group family day care home, family  
41 day care home, outdoor, nature-based child care, or child day care  
42 center at least thirty days prior to the date of the hearing. The state-  
43 ment of charges shall set forth the existence of the violation or  
44 violations, the amount of penalty for which the program may become  
45 liable, the steps which must be taken to rectify the violation, and  
46 where applicable, a statement that a penalty may be imposed regardless  
47 of rectification. A written answer to the charges of violations shall be  
48 filed with the office of children and family services not less than ten  
49 days prior to the date of hearing with respect to each of the charges  
50 and shall include all material and relevant matters which, if not  
51 disclosed in the answer, would not likely be known to the office of  
52 children and family services.

53 (iv) The hearing shall be held by the commissioner of the office of  
54 children and family services or the commissioner's designee. The burden  
55 of proof at such hearing shall be on the office of children and family  
56 services to show that the charges are supported by a preponderance of

1 the evidence. The commissioner of the office of children and family  
2 services or the commissioner's designee, in [~~his or her~~] their  
3 discretion, may allow the child day care center operator or provider to  
4 attempt to prove by a preponderance of the evidence any matter not  
5 included in the answer. Where the child day care provider satisfactorily  
6 demonstrates that it has rectified the violations in accordance with the  
7 requirements of paragraph (c) of this subdivision, no penalty shall be  
8 imposed except as provided in paragraph (c) of this subdivision.

9 (b)(i) In assessing penalties pursuant to this subdivision, the office  
10 of children and family services may consider the completeness of any  
11 rectification made and the specific circumstances of such violations as  
12 mitigating factors.

13 (ii) Upon the request of the office of children and family services,  
14 the attorney general shall commence an action in any court of competent  
15 jurisdiction against any child day care program subject to the  
16 provisions of this subdivision and against any person, entity or corpo-  
17 ration operating such center or school age child care program, outdoor,  
18 nature-based child care, group family day care home or family day care  
19 home for the recovery of any penalty assessed by the office of children  
20 and family services in accordance with the provisions of this subdivi-  
21 sion.

22 (iii) Any such penalty assessed by the office of children and family  
23 services may be released or compromised by the office of children and  
24 family services before the matter has been referred to the attorney  
25 general; when such matter has been referred to the attorney general,  
26 such penalty may be released or compromised and any action commenced to  
27 recover the same may be settled and discontinued by the attorney general  
28 with the consent of the office of children and family services.

29 (c)(i) Except as provided for in this paragraph, a child day care  
30 provider shall avoid payment of a penalty imposed pursuant to this  
31 subdivision where the provider has rectified the condition which  
32 resulted in the imposition of the penalty within thirty days of notifi-  
33 cation of the existence of the violation of statute or regulation.

34 (ii) [~~Clause~~] Subparagraph (i) of this paragraph notwithstanding,  
35 rectification shall not preclude the imposition of a penalty pursuant to  
36 this subdivision where:

37 (A) the child day care provider has operated a child day care center,  
38 outdoor, nature-based child care, or group family day care home without  
39 a license, has refused to seek a license for the operation of such a  
40 center or home, or has continued to operate such a center or home after  
41 denial of a license application, revocation of an existing license or  
42 suspension of an existing license;

43 (B) the child day care provider has operated a family day care home,  
44 outdoor, nature-based child care, school-age child care program or child  
45 day care center required to be registered without being registered, has  
46 refused to seek registration for the operation of such home, outdoor,  
47 nature-based child care, program or center or has continued to operate  
48 such a home, program or center after denial of a registration applica-  
49 tion, revocation of an existing registration or suspension of an exist-  
50 ing registration;

51 (C) there has been a total or substantial failure of the facility's  
52 fire detection or prevention systems or emergency evacuation procedures;

53 (D) the child day care provider or an assistant, employee or volunteer  
54 has failed to provide adequate and competent supervision;

55 (E) the child day care provider or an assistant, employee or volunteer  
56 has failed to provide adequate sanitation;

1 (F) the child day care provider or an assistant, employee, volunteer  
2 or, for a family day care home or group family day care home, a member  
3 of the provider's household, has injured a child in care, unreasonably  
4 failed to obtain medical attention for a child in care requiring such  
5 attention, used corporal punishment against a child in care or abused or  
6 maltreated a child in care;

7 (G) the child day care provider has violated the same statutory or  
8 regulatory standard more than once within a six month period;

9 (H) the child day care provider or an assistant, employee or volunteer  
10 has failed to make a report of suspected child abuse or maltreatment  
11 when required to do so pursuant to section four hundred thirteen of this  
12 article; or

13 (I) the child day care provider or an assistant, employee or volunteer  
14 has submitted to the office of children and family services a forged  
15 document as defined in section 170.00 of the penal law.

16 (d) Any civil penalty received by the office of children and family  
17 services pursuant to this subdivision shall be deposited to the credit  
18 of the "quality child care and protection fund" established pursuant to  
19 section ninety-seven-www of the state finance law.

20 (e)(i) The office of children and family services shall deny a new  
21 application for licensure or registration made by a day care provider  
22 whose license or registration was previously revoked or terminated based  
23 on a violation of statute or regulation for a period of two years from  
24 the date that the revocation or termination of the license or registra-  
25 tion became finally effective, unless such office determines, in its  
26 discretion, that approval of the application will not in any way jeop-  
27 ardize the health, safety or welfare of children in the center, program  
28 or home. For the purposes of this paragraph, the date that the revoca-  
29 tion or termination became finally effective shall be, as applicable:

30 (A) the date that the revocation or termination became effective based  
31 on the notice of revocation or termination;

32 (B) the date that the hearing decision was issued upholding the revo-  
33 cation or termination;

34 (C) the date of issuance of a final court order affirming the revoca-  
35 tion or termination or affirming a hearing decision that upheld the  
36 revocation or termination; or

37 (D) another date mutually agreed upon by the office of children and  
38 family services and the provider.

39 (ii)(A) Such office shall deny a new application for licensure or  
40 registration made by a day care provider who is enjoined or otherwise  
41 prohibited by a court order from operation of a day care center,  
42 outdoor, nature-based child care, group family day care home, family day  
43 care home or school-age child care program without a license or regis-  
44 tration for a period of two years from the date of the court order  
45 unless the court order specifically enjoins the provider from providing  
46 day care for a period longer than two years, in which case the office  
47 shall deny any new application made by the provider while the provider  
48 is so enjoined.

49 (B) Such office shall deny a new application for licensure or regis-  
50 tration made by a day care provider who is assessed a second civil  
51 penalty by such office for having operated a day care center, outdoor,  
52 nature-based child care, group family day care home, family day care  
53 home or school-age child care program without a license or registration  
54 for a period of two years from the date of the second fine. For the  
55 purposes of this paragraph, the date of the second fine shall be either  
56 the date upon which the day care provider signs a stipulation agreement

1 to pay the second fine or the date upon which a hearing decision is  
2 issued affirming the determination of such office to impose the second  
3 fine, as applicable.

4 (iii) A day care provider who surrenders the provider's license or  
5 registration while such office is engaged in enforcement seeking suspen-  
6 sion, revocation or termination of such provider's license or registra-  
7 tion pursuant to the regulations of such office, shall be deemed to have  
8 had their license or registration revoked or terminated and shall be  
9 subject to the prohibitions against licensing or registration pursuant  
10 to subparagraph (i) of this paragraph for a period of two years from the  
11 date of surrender of the license or registration.

12 § 12. This act shall take effect immediately.