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ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1872

Introduced by Assembly Member Alejo

February 22, 2012

An act to add Sections 1596.812 and 1597.50 to the Health and Safety Code, relating to child day care facilities.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1872, as amended, Alejo. Child day care facilities: nutrition.

Existing law, the California Child Day Care Facilities Act, administered by the State Department of Social Services, provides for the licensure and regulation of child day care facilities, defined to include, among others, family day care homes. Under existing law, the department may assess a civil penalty of no more than \$50 per day, with exceptions, for violations of the act relating to family day care homes. Willful or repeated violation of these provisions is a misdemeanor.

This bill would require, except as provided, a family day care home, at *a* minimum, to provide meals and snacks that, in amount and component, meet certain nutrition standards. The bill would require the department to explain these nutritional requirements on its Internet Web site, in appropriate department outreach materials, and during the orientation of prospective family day care home providers, and would authorize the department to send updated nutritional standard information to providers through a provider bulletin or other similar instruction. The bill would require a family day care home to keep daily menus, available for parents and guardians to see, of all meals and snacks served, as specified. The bill would require the department to take specified actions with respect to noncompliance with these provisions, and would exempt a family day care home from all other procedures that would otherwise govern noncompliance with these provisions.

The bill would require the department to inform prospective and current child day care providers about the above-described nutrition requirements by posting certain information on the department’s Internet Web site, and by disseminating information by other means deemed appropriate by the department.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
 State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 1596.812 is added to the Health and
 2 Safety Code, to read:
 3 1596.812. For the purposes of improving nutrition in child day
 4 care facilities, as defined in Section 1596.750, and increasing
 5 providers’ capacity to serve healthy foods, the department shall
 6 inform prospective and current providers about the United States
 7 Department of Agriculture Child and Adult Care Food Program
 8 (CACFP) (7 C.F.R. 226.20) by posting information relating to
 9 eligibility, enrollment, and reimbursement on the department’s
 10 Internet Web site, and by disseminating information by other means
 11 deemed appropriate by the department. These means may include,
 12 but are not limited to, orientation materials, during regular
 13 inspections, and through written communications to licensees.
 14 SEC. 2. Section 1597.50 is added to the Health and Safety
 15 Code, to read:

1 1597.50. (a) Except as provided in subdivisions (c) and (d), a
2 family day care home shall, at a minimum, provide the amount of
3 food and the components in any meals and snacks served that are
4 specified by the United States Department of Agriculture Child
5 and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) (7 C.F.R. 226.20). The
6 department shall explain these nutritional requirements on its
7 Internet Web site, in appropriate department outreach materials,
8 and during the orientation of prospective family day care home
9 providers.

10 (b) If the CACFP is amended to include new nutritional
11 standards, the department may inform providers of these updated
12 standards by provider bulletin or other similar instruction.

13 (c) If a child has a medical necessity, documented in writing by
14 a medical provider, that includes the need for “medical food” as
15 defined by Section 109971, a licensed family day care facility shall
16 be exempt from complying with the requirements of subdivision
17 (a), to the extent necessary to meet the medical needs of that child.

18 (d) This section shall not apply to meals or snacks provided by
19 a parent or legal guardian for his or her child at a family day care
20 home.

21 (e) Family day care homes shall keep daily menus, available
22 for parents and guardians to see, of all meals and snacks served.
23 This requirement shall be interpreted in a manner consistent with
24 the menu records requirement of the CACFP.

25 (f) The department shall review the status of compliance with
26 this section only during regularly scheduled, authorized monitoring
27 inspections, and shall not be required to conduct separate and
28 independent visits based solely on complaints regarding compliance
29 with the CACFP nutritional standards. If the department determines
30 that a family day care home is noncompliant with this section,
31 based on examining the ~~posted~~ *daily* menu or observing any meal
32 or snack served during the monitoring visit, the department shall
33 direct the family day care home to relevant nutrition information
34 and training opportunities.

35 (g) Article 5 (commencing with Section 1596.89) of Chapter
36 3.4, and the provisions relating to civil penalties that are imposed
37 by Sections 1597.56, 1597.58, and 1597.62 shall not apply to this
38 section. The compliance procedures described in subdivision (f)
39 shall supersede any other compliance procedures required by this
40 chapter or by any other law for the duties imposed by this section.

- 1 (h) The requirements imposed by this section are in addition to,
- 2 and are not intended to replace, the requirements prescribed by
- 3 Section 1596.808.

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