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ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 2621

Introduced by Assembly Members Garcia and Olsen
(Coauthors: Assembly Members ~~Eggman and Beth Gaines~~ Eggman,
***Beth Gaines, and Waldron*)**
(Coauthor: Senator Fuller)

February 21, 2014

An act to add Section 1596.819 to the Health and Safety Code, relating to child day care.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2621, as amended, Garcia. Child day care facilities: ~~licensing reports~~: *licensing information*.

Under the California Child Day Care Facilities Act, the State Department of Social Services licenses and regulates child day care facilities. Existing law requires the department, when it conducts a site visit of a licensed child day care facility, to publicly post at the facility a notice that indicates whether the facility was cited for violating any state standards or regulations. Existing law also requires each licensed child day care facility to make accessible to the public a copy of any licensing report or other public licensing document that documents a facility visit, a substantiated complaint investigation, a conference with a local licensing agency management representative and the licensee in which issues of noncompliance are discussed, or a copy of an accusation indicating the department's intent to revoke the facility's license.

~~This bill would require that inspection reports, consultation reports, lists of violations, and plans of correction for child day care facilities be open to public inspection, and would require the department to post this information on the department's Internet Web site. The bill would also require the department to post on the department's Internet Web site the number and nature of complaints filed against a facility within each calendar year, as specified.~~

This bill would require the department to post licensing information on its Internet Web site for day care centers, small family day care homes, and large family day care homes, as specified. The bill would require the department to update this information on at least a monthly basis.

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 1596.819 is added to the Health and
2 Safety Code, to read:

3 1596.819. (a) Except as otherwise prohibited by law, the
4 department shall post licensing information on its Internet Web
5 site as follows:

6 (1) For each day care center and large family day care home,
7 the information shall include, but is not limited to, the name and
8 address of the facility, the status of the license, and the number of
9 site visits, including the number of substantiated and inconclusive
10 complaint inspections and noncomplaint inspections, during the
11 preceding five-year period.

12 (2) For each small family day care home, the information shall
13 include, but is not limited to, the name of the home, the status of
14 the license, and the number of site visits, including the number of
15 substantiated and inconclusive complaint inspections and
16 noncomplaint inspections, during the preceding five-year period.

17 (b) The department shall update the information posted under
18 subdivision (a) on at least a monthly basis.

19 ~~SECTION 1. Section 1596.819 is added to the Health and~~
20 ~~Safety Code, to read:~~

21 ~~1596.819. All inspection reports, consultation reports, lists of~~
22 ~~violations, and plans of correction for child day care facilities shall~~
23 ~~be open to public inspection and posted on the department's~~

1 ~~Internet Web site. The department shall also post on the~~
2 ~~department's Internet Web site the number and nature of~~
3 ~~complaints filed against a facility within each calendar year,~~
4 ~~including whether a complaint is undergoing investigation, whether~~
5 ~~the complaint has been substantiated or unsubstantiated, and~~
6 ~~whether the complaint has been found to be inconclusive. The~~
7 ~~department shall update this information on a quarterly basis. The~~
8 ~~department shall redact all personally identifiable information of~~
9 ~~children and their families, the complainant, and individuals named~~
10 ~~in any documents who are not associated with the facility prior to~~
11 ~~the information being made available to the public or being posted~~
12 ~~to the department's Internet Web site pursuant to this section.~~

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