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HOUSE BILL 97: 2015 Appropriations Act, Sec. 12B.9: U.S. Department of Defense-Certified Child Care Facilities Participation in State-Subsidized Child Care Program

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SUMMARY: *Sec. 12B.9 of S.L. 2015-241 amends the law pertaining to Child Care Facilities to allow the U.S. Department of Defense certified child care facilities to participate in the State-subsidized child care program. Department of Defense certified child care facilities include: (i) developmental centers, (ii) family child care homes, and (iii) school-age child care facilities operated on a military installation by the U.S. Department of Defense certified by the Department of Defense.*

Procedures regarding operating a State-subsidized Department of Defense-certified child care facility include:

- *Filing a notice of intent to operate form with the Department of Defense.*
- *Submitting a report indicating that minimum child care standards for child care facilities have been met as provided by the Department of Defense.*

Childcare facilities meeting all requirements of this provision are exempt from State licensure requirements. Child care facilities seeking State subsidies will be reimbursed as a five-star facility if they are accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC). All other Department of Defense-certified facilities will be reimbursed as a four-star rated facility. Allocated funds must supplement and not supplant federal or State funds allocated to Department of Defense-certified child care facilities.

This section becomes effective January 1, 2016.

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