

AMENDMENTS TO LB 400

1           1.   Strike original section 3 and all amendments thereto  
2 and insert the following new sections:

3           "Sec. 3.   The Department of Health and Human Services  
4 Regulation and Licensure shall establish a two-tiered system of  
5 licensure for child care and early childhood education programs  
6 licensed pursuant to sections 71-1908 to 71-1917, except for  
7 programs that exclusively offer before-and-after-school services  
8 for children enrolled in grades kindergarten through twelve, as  
9 follows:

10           (1) Tier I shall consist of programs that meet Tier II  
11 licensing requirements, have a history of compliance, and meet  
12 additional quality criteria related to director and staff  
13 qualifications, staff training, adult-child ratio, learning  
14 environment, parental involvement, program evaluation, and other  
15 criteria reasonably calculated to influence program quality, as  
16 established by the Department of Health and Human Services  
17 Regulation and Licensure;

18           (2) Tier II shall consist of programs that meet minimum  
19 applicable licensing requirements;

20           (3) The department may accept accreditation by a  
21 recognized independent accreditation body or public agency, which  
22 has standards that are at least as stringent as those of the  
23 department, as evidence that the child care or early childhood  
24 education program complies with the rules and regulations for Tier

1 I programs adopted and promulgated under such sections;

2 (4) A Tier I program licensed pursuant to an  
3 accreditation or certification accepted by the department shall  
4 notify the department if such accreditation or certification has  
5 been sanctioned, modified, terminated, or withdrawn. After giving  
6 such notice, the program may continue to operate as a Tier II  
7 program unless the department determines that the facility or  
8 service no longer meets the qualifications for licensure under such  
9 sections;

10 (5) The department shall issue a certificate to each  
11 licensed program, indicating the tier under which such program is  
12 licensed. The program shall post such certificate in a prominent  
13 place on the licensed premises; and

14 (6) Rules and regulations to implement the provisions of  
15 this section shall be adopted and promulgated by the department on  
16 or before July 1, 2003.

17 Sec. 4. Section 79-1102, Reissue Revised Statutes of  
18 Nebraska, is amended to read:

19 79-1102. (1) The State Board of Education shall  
20 establish or designate, under the jurisdiction of the State  
21 Department of Education, an Early Childhood Training Center. The  
22 purpose of the center is to train individuals who ~~provide education~~  
23 ~~and development activities for infants and young children and their~~  
24 ~~parents work with infants and young children and their parents in~~  
25 any early childhood care and educational setting. The center,  
26 taking into consideration existing public and private training  
27 efforts, shall provide support and assistance to schools and public

1 and private providers of early childhood ~~education~~ care and  
2 educational services in developing training programs for staff.  
3 The center, taking into consideration existing public and private  
4 training efforts, shall also provide clearinghouse information and  
5 publications on available early childhood ~~education~~ care and  
6 educational training opportunities throughout the state.

7 (2) The center shall establish a statewide training  
8 program to support the development of parent education programs in  
9 local communities. The goal of this project is to train  
10 individuals who will be able to work with public and private  
11 providers of early childhood care and educational services to  
12 establish parent education programs in their communities.".

13 2. On page 2, line 27, strike "a minimum of twenty-two"  
14 and insert "minimum".

15 3. On page 3, lines 7 and 8 and 27 and 28, strike  
16 "obtained in a group setting approved by the department" and insert  
17 "taught personally by a trainer and may include the use of distance  
18 learning technology that allows the trainer and the trainee to be  
19 in different locations"; strike beginning with "establish" in line  
20 9 through "section" in line 10 and insert "develop training  
21 materials and procedures designed to meet the training requirements  
22 of this section and shall identify recommended preparations and  
23 qualifications for effective trainers"; in line 16 after the period  
24 insert "The requirements of this subsection do not apply to the  
25 programs that exclusively offer before-and-after-school services  
26 for children enrolled in grades kindergarten through twelve.

27 For purposes of this subsection, minimum hours means (a)

1 before July 1, 2002, twelve hours per year, (b) on or after July 1,  
2 2002, and before July 1, 2003, sixteen hours per year, and (c) on  
3 or after July 1, 2003, twenty hours."; and in lines 19 and 20  
4 strike "a minimum of twelve clock" and insert "minimum".

5           4. On page 4, strike beginning with "establish" in line  
6 1 through "section" in line 3 and insert "develop training  
7 materials and procedures designed to meet the training requirements  
8 of this section and shall identify recommended preparations and  
9 qualifications for effective trainers"; in line 8 after the period  
10 insert:

11                 "The requirements of this subsection do not apply to the  
12 programs that exclusively offer before-and-after-school services  
13 for children enrolled in grades kindergarten through twelve.

14                 For purposes of this subsection, minimum hours means (a)  
15 before July 1, 2002, six hours per year, (b) on or after July 1,  
16 2002, and before July 1, 2003, eight hours per year, and (c) on or  
17 after July 1, 2003, twelve hours."

18           5. On page 5, line 20, strike "section 43-2601" and  
19 insert "sections 43-2601 and 79-1102".

20           6. Renumber the remaining section accordingly.