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DELAWARE STATE SENATE
153rd GENERAL ASSEMBLY

SENATE BILL NO. 293
AS AMENDED BY
SENATE AMENDMENT NO. 1
AND
HOUSE AMENDMENT NO. 1

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 14 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO CHILD CARE LICENSES FOR YOUTH CAMPS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE:

Section 1. Amend § 3002A, Title 14 of the Delaware Code by making deletions as shown by strike through and insertions as shown by underline as follows

§ 3002A. Definitions.

For the purpose of this chapter:

(7) "Youth camp" means a child-serving entity that is all of the following:

a. Operating in a space or location that is not otherwise licensed under this chapter.

b. Providing a program of recreational, athletic, educational, or religious instruction or guidance.

c. Taking custody or control of 1 or more school-age children, unattended by the child's parent or guardian.

d. Operating during 1 or more of the following:

1. The months of May through September for no more than 12 weeks and for 3 or more hours a day.

2. A break in the course of the school year.

Section 2. Amend § 3003A, Title 14 of the Delaware Code by making deletions as shown by strike through and insertions as shown by underline as follows and redesignating accordingly:

§ 3003A. Office of Child Care Licensing; powers.

(c) OCCL may prescribe and enforce, by regulation or otherwise, any reasonable standards for the conduct of child care facilities and shall license child care facilities that conform to ~~the~~ these standards. Regulations promulgated under this chapter must include all of the following:

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(1) Any application form required to apply for ~~licensure~~ any of the following:

a. Licensure under this chapter.

b. A license exemption.

(2) The specific requirements to obtain, retain, or renew ~~a~~ any of the following:

a. A license under this chapter.

b. A license exemption, including for all of the following:

1. A youth camp that has a valid permit from the Division of Public Health under § 122(3)g. of Title 16.

2. Programs that offer school-age care, lessons, or classes on a limited basis.

(4) A youth camp license under paragraph (c)(2)a. of this section must include all of the following requirements:

a. The youth camp must have a valid permit from the Division of Public Health under § 122(3)g. of Title 16.

b. The health and safety requirements necessary to qualify for Purchase of Care provider reimbursement, established in collaboration with the Department of Health and Social Services under § 512 of Title 31.

c. For outdoor youth camps, that the youth camp have access to a shelter or building that provides protection from inclement weather. The requirements under this paragraph (c)(4)c. may not require a specific size or square footage.

Section 3. This Act is effective immediately and § 3003A(c)(4)c. of Title 14 must be implemented no later than December 31, 2026.

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