
By Mr. D'Amico, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 643) of Gerard D'Amico for legislation to establish standards of quality for the purchase of child day care services. Human Services and Elderly Affairs.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty-two.

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH PURCHASE OF SERVICE STANDARDS
FOR CHILD DAY CARE.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

- 1 Chapter 28A of the General Laws is hereby amended by
- 2 inserting the following section: —
- 3 *Section . Child Care quality.* The Office shall establish
- 4 standards of quality for the purchase of child day care from
- 5 private or public operators of such services. The Office shall
- 6 establish a task force for the purpose of recommending stan-
- 7 dards for centers, group homes, and family day care. The task
- 8 force shall include family day care providers, operators of
- 9 for profit and not-for-profit centers, classroom staff, child care
- 10 experts, and a substantial number of parents of children in
- 11 child care programs. Not later than one year after appoint-
- 12 ment of the task force, standards shall be reviewed at a pub-
- 13 lic hearing conducted by the Human Services and Elderly
- 14 Affairs Committee of the Legislature. The Department shall
- 15 promulgate standards for purchase within forty-five days of
- 16 such hearing, subject to approval by the Legislature. Said
- 17 standards shall apply to any child day care purchased by any
- 18 agency of the Commonwealth whether at full fee or sliding
- 19 fee.

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