

By Mr. Hynes of Marshfield, petition of Frank M. Hynes for legislation to define the term "day care center" in the regulations of the Office for Children, Human Services and Elderly Affairs.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT TO AMEND THE OFFICE OF CHILDREN REGULATIONS.

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

1 To amend the Office of Children regulations Chapter 30A,
2 Chapter 7, Subsection A, Part 100.01.

3 Section g to read: —

4 (g) "Day Care Center," any facility operated on a regular basis
5 whether known as a day nursery, nursery school, kindergarten,
6 child play school, progressive school, child development center,
7 pre-school, or known under any other name which receives chil-
8 dren, not of common parentage, under seven years of age, or under
9 sixteen years of age if such children have special needs, for non-
10 residential custody and care during part or all of the day separate
11 from their parent(s). Day care center shall not include: any part of
12 a public school system, any part of a Montessori school affiliated
13 with the American Montessori Society or the Association Montes-
14 sori Internationale, any part of a private organized educational
15 system, unless the services of such a system are primarily limited to
16 kindergarten, nursery or related pre-school services; a Sunday
17 school conducted by a religious institution; a facility operated by a
18 religious organization where children are cared for during short
19 periods of time while persons responsible for such children are
20 attending religious services; a family day care home; an informal
21 cooperative arrangement among neighbors or relatives; or the
22 occasional care of children with or without compensation therefor.

