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ACT No. 369

HOUSE BILL NO. 233

BY REPRESENTATIVES ILES AND WELCH AND SENATORS
CHAISSON, HINES, B. JONES, MOUNT, AND SCHEDLER

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 46:1409(B)(5) and 1413(E), relative to child care facilities; to prohibit discrimination against breast-fed babies; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 46:1409(B)(5) and 1413(E) are hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§1409. Rules, regulations and standards for Class A licenses

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B. The Louisiana Advisory Committee on Licensing of Child Care Facilities and Child-Placing Agencies shall approve rules and regulations developed by the department to meet at least the following standards for all Class A child care facilities and child placement agencies as defined in this Chapter which, at a minimum, shall:

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(5) Prohibit discrimination by child care facilities and child placement agencies on the basis of race, color, creed, sex, national origin, handicapping condition, ~~or ancestry,~~ or whether the child is being breast-fed. A provider shall have a written description of

admission policies and criteria which expresses the needs, problems, situations, or patterns best addressed by its program. These policies shall be available to the legally responsible person for any child referred for placement.

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§1413. Rules, regulations, and standards for Class B licenses

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E. No child care facility shall discriminate based on race, color, creed, disability, as defined in R.S. 51:2232(11), national origin, ~~or ancestry, or whether the child is being breast-fed.~~ However, this shall not restrict the hiring or admission policies of a church or religious organization, which may give preference in hiring or admission to members of the church or denomination. Nor shall it affect the rights of religious sectarian child-placing agencies to consider creed in any decision or action relating to foster care or adoption.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____