

2019 Texas Senate Bill No. 952, Texas Eighty-Sixth Legislature

TEXAS BILL TEXT

TITLE: Relating to standards for nutrition, physical activity, and screen time for certain child-care facilities and homes.

VERSION: Adopted

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SUMMARY: Texas has seen a rise in childhood obesity, which has a long-term health impact on children and ends up costing the state billions annually. To help address this trend, S.B. 952 requires child care facilities, not residential child care operations, to meet the minimum standards under the Child and Adult Care Food Program for nutritious meals and the most recent edition of the American Academy of Pediatrics' standards for activity and screen time. By establishing healthy habits early in life, children will have a greater likelihood of living healthy, productive lives. (Original Author's/ Sponsor's Statement of Intent)S.B. 952 amends current law relating to standards for nutrition, physical activity, and screen time for certain child-care facilities and homes.

TEXT:

S.B. No. 952

AN ACT relating to standards for nutrition, physical activity, and screen time for certain child-care facilities and homes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. [Section 42.042, Human Resources Code](#), is amended by adding Subsections (e-3), (e-4), and (e-5) to read as follows:

(e-3) The minimum standards for a day-care center or registered family home adopted under Subsection (e) must be consistent with:

(1) American Academy of Pediatrics standards for physical activity and screen time as published in *Caring for Our Children: National Health and Safety Performance Standards; Guidelines for Early Care and Education Programs, 4th Edition*; and

(2) the nutrition standards in the Child and Adult Care Food Program administered by the Department of Agriculture.

(e-4) A day-care center or registered family home is not required to participate in or comply with the reporting requirements of the Child and Adult Care Food Program administered by the Department of Agriculture.

(e-5) If the commission determines that the economic impact of requiring a day-care center or registered family home to comply with a minimum standard adopted under Subsection (e-3) is sufficiently great to make compliance impractical, the commission may require the day-care center or registered family home to meet the guidelines of the minimum standard through an alternative method.

SECTION 2. As soon as practicable after the effective date of this Act, the executive commissioner of the Health and Human Services Commission shall adopt the rules necessary to implement the changes in law made by this Act.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2019. _____

President of the Senate Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 952 passed the Senate on April 11, 2019, by the following vote: Yeas 26, Nays 5; and that the Senate concurred in House amendment on May 23, 2019, by the following vote: Yeas 28, Nays 3.

_____ Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 952 passed the House, with amendment, on May 17, 2019, by the following vote: Yeas 110, Nays 36, one present not voting. _____ Chief Clerk of the House Approved:

Date _____

Governor

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