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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Senate	.	House
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The Committee on Transportation and Economic Development
Appropriations (Dockery) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment (with directory and title amendments)

Delete lines 286 - 341
and insert:

402.281 Gold Seal Quality Care program.—

(1) (a) There is established within the department the Gold Seal Quality Care Program.

(b) A child care facility facilities, large family child care home homes, or family day care home homes that is are accredited by a nationally recognized accrediting association approved by the department under subsection (3) and meets all other requirements shall, upon application to the department,



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13 ~~whose standards substantially meet or exceed the National~~
14 ~~Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC), the~~
15 ~~National Association of Family Child Care, and the National~~
16 ~~Early Childhood Program Accreditation Commission shall receive a~~
17 ~~separate "Gold Seal Quality Care" designation to operate as a~~
18 ~~gold seal child care facility, large family child care home, or~~
19 ~~family day care home.~~

20 (2) The department shall adopt rules establishing Gold Seal
21 Quality Care accreditation standards based on the applicable
22 accrediting standards of the National Association for the
23 Education of Young Children (NAEYC), the National Association of
24 Family Child Care, and the National Early Childhood Program
25 Accreditation Commission.

26 (3) (a) In order to be approved by the department for
27 participation in the Gold Seal Quality Care program, an
28 accrediting association must apply to the department and
29 demonstrate that it:

30 1. Is a nationally recognized accrediting association.

31 2. Has accrediting standards that substantially meet or
32 exceed the Gold Seal Quality Care standards adopted by the
33 department under subsection (2).

34 (b) In approving accrediting associations, the department
35 shall consult with the Department of Education, the Agency for
36 Workforce Innovation, the Florida Head Start Directors
37 Association, the Florida Association of Child Care Management,
38 the Florida Family Day Care Association, the Florida Children's
39 Forum, the Early Childhood Association of Florida, the Child
40 Development Education Alliance, providers receiving exemptions
41 under s. 402.316, and parents.



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42 ~~(2) In developing the Gold Seal Quality Care program~~
43 ~~standards, the department shall consult with the Department of~~
44 ~~Education, the Florida Head Start Directors Association, the~~
45 ~~Florida Association of Child Care Management, the Florida Family~~
46 ~~Day Care Association, the Florida Children's Forum, the State~~
47 ~~Coordinating Council for School Readiness Programs, the Early~~
48 ~~Childhood Association of Florida, the National Association for~~
49 ~~Child Development Education, providers receiving exemptions~~
50 ~~under s. 402.316, and parents, for the purpose of approving the~~
51 ~~accrediting associations.~~

52 (4)~~(3)~~ In order to obtain and maintain a designation as a
53 Gold Seal Quality Care provider, a child care facility, large
54 family child care home, or family day care home must meet the
55 following additional criteria:

56 (a) The child care provider must not have had any class I
57 violations, as defined by rule, within the 2 years preceding its
58 application for designation as a Gold Seal Quality Care
59 provider. Commission of a class I violation shall be grounds for
60 termination of the designation as a Gold Seal Quality Care
61 provider until the provider has no class I violations for a
62 period of 2 years.

63 (b) The child care provider must not have had three or more
64 class II violations, as defined by rule, within the 2 years
65 preceding its application for designation as a Gold Seal Quality
66 Care provider. Commission of three or more class II violations
67 within a 2-year period shall be grounds for termination of the
68 designation as a Gold Seal Quality Care provider until the
69 provider has no class II violations for a period of 1 year.

70 (c) The child care provider must not have been cited for



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71 the same class III violation, as defined by rule, three or more
72 times within the 2 years preceding its application for
73 designation as a Gold Seal Quality Care provider. Commission of
74 the same class III violation three or more times during a 2-year
75 period shall be grounds for termination of the designation as a
76 Gold Seal Quality Care provider until the provider has no class
77 III violations for a period of 1 year.

78 (5)~~(4)~~ The Department of Children and Family Services shall
79 adopt rules under ss. 120.536(1) and 120.54 which provide
80 criteria and procedures for reviewing and approving accrediting
81 associations for participation in the Gold Seal Quality Care
82 program, conferring and revoking designations of Gold Seal
83 Quality Care providers, and classifying violations.

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85 ===== D I R E C T O R Y C L A U S E A M E N D M E N T =====

86 And the directory clause is amended as follows:

87 Delete lines 284 - 285

88 and insert:

89 Section 7. Section 402.281, Florida Statutes, is amended to
90 read:

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92 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

93 And the title is amended as follows:

94 Delete lines 23 - 37

95 and insert:

96 a repealed program; amending s. 402.281, F.S.;

97 establishing the Gold Seal Quality Care program within

98 the Department of Children and Family Services;

99 providing that a child care facility, large family



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100 child care home, or family day care home may receive a
101 Gold Seal Quality Care designation if accredited by a
102 nationally recognized accrediting association and
103 certain requirements are met; requiring that the
104 department adopt rules establishing accreditation
105 standards; requiring that an accrediting association
106 apply to the department for participation in the
107 program; requiring that the department consult with
108 the Agency for Workforce Innovation regarding the
109 approval of accrediting associations for the program;