

Copy of Birth Certificate Needed for Enrollment

Missing Children Records Act – Important Update for You to Note

Public Act 95-0439 (ilga.gov/legislation/publicacts/fulltext.asp?Name=095-0439&GA=095) amends the Missing Children Records Act (325 ILCS 50/5) to require, effective January 1, 2008, all preschool educational programs, child care facilities, and day care homes or group day care homes licensed under the Child Care Act of 1969 to collect a certified copy of a child's birth certificate or other reliable proof of the child's identity and age, such as a passport, visa, or other governmental documentation, when a child is enrolled for the first time. The new Public Act describes specifically how this documentation is to be collected and the steps to follow when the documentation is not provided to the center. It is our understanding that additional information will be provided to you by the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS). DCFS is currently drafting changes to the rules for licensing standards and will provide further guidance. A full copy of the Missing Children Records Act is available at (ilga.gov/legislation/ilcs/ilcs3.asp?ActID=1469&ChapAct=325%26nbsp%3BILCS%26nbsp%3B50%2F&ChapterID=32&ChapterName=CHILDREN&ActName=Missing=Children=REcords=Act%2E)

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