

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 118th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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S.P. 365

In Senate, February 25, 1997

**An Act to Require Minimum Standards for State-funded Child Care Providers.**

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Reference to the Committee on Health and Human Services suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN  
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator PARADIS of Aroostook.  
Cosponsored by Representative PIEH of Bremen and  
Senators: KILKELLY of Lincoln, MITCHELL of Penobscot, Representatives: AHEARNE of  
Madawaska, LOVETT of Scarborough, O'BRIEN of Augusta.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

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4 Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §8305, sub-§5 is enacted to read:

6 5. Advanced certification. The department shall provide an  
8 optional advanced certificate of registration to a provider who  
meets the following advanced standards in addition to the other  
requirements of this section:

10 A. The provider clears a background investigation check by  
12 the State Bureau of Investigation;

14 B. The provider has current certification of training in  
cardiopulmonary resuscitation and first aid;

16 C. The provider has completed department-approved training  
18 in infection control and immunization requirements; and

20 D. The site where child care is provided has been inspected  
and approved by the municipal fire department.

22 Sec. 2. 22 MRSA §8308 is enacted to read:

24 §8308. Advanced certificate required for state-funded home  
26 baby-sitting service

28 1. Requirement. A home baby-sitting service that provides  
30 services for which state funding is received shall obtain an  
advanced certificate of registration unless the services are  
provided to cover emergency situations or are provided for less  
than 2 months.

32 2. Service provided pending certification. A home  
34 baby-sitting service that does not have an advanced certificate  
36 of registration may provide services for which state funding is  
38 received for 2 months if the provider has applied for an advanced  
certificate and demonstrates that the provider is in the process  
of meeting requirements for that certificate.

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42 **SUMMARY**

44 This bill creates an advanced level of certification for  
46 home baby-sitting services. Advanced certification is required  
48 for providers who provide services for which state funding is  
50 received, though it is optional for those that do not. The  
advanced level of certification requires a background check,  
training in cardiopulmonary resuscitation and first aid,  
infection control and immunization requirements and an inspection  
by the local fire department. A provider without advanced

2 certification may provide services for which state funding is received for 2 months while seeking advanced certification.