

Code: Section: [Up^](#)[Add To My Favorites](#)**HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE - HSC****DIVISION 2. LICENSING PROVISIONS [1200 - 1796.70]** (*Division 2 enacted by Stats. 1939, Ch. 60.*)**CHAPTER 3.4. California Child Day Care Act [1596.70 - 1596.895]** (*Chapter 3.4 added by Stats. 1984, Ch. 1615, Sec. 9.*)**ARTICLE 2. Administration of Child Day Care Licensing [1596.80 - 1596.879]** (*Article 2 added by Stats. 1984, Ch. 1615, Sec. 9.*)

1596.80. No person, firm, partnership, association, or corporation shall operate, establish, manage, conduct, or maintain a child day care facility in this state without a current valid license therefor as provided in this act.

(Amended by Stats. 1986, Ch. 1016, Sec. 7.)

1596.802. Notwithstanding any other law, on or before January 1, 2025, the department shall do all of the following:

(a) Create a template form for plans of operations.

(b) Create a template form for incidental medical services plans.

(c) Upon completion of the templates described in subdivisions (a) and (b), revise its regulations, notices, practices, and bulletins to eliminate any requirement that an incidental medical services plan or amended plan of operation be approved before a child with exceptional needs as defined in Section 8205 of the Education Code is allowed to attend a child daycare or child development program.

(d) A licensed child daycare facility that submits to the department a completed incidental medical services plan using the form created pursuant to subdivision (b) may enroll a child prior to departmental approval of the plan.

(Added by Stats. 2023, Ch. 631, Sec. 1. (SB 722) Effective January 1, 2024.)

1596.803. (a) (1) An application fee adjusted by facility and capacity shall be charged by the department for the issuance of a license to operate a child day care facility. After initial licensure, a fee shall be charged by the department annually, on each anniversary of the effective date of the license. The fees are for the purpose of financing activities specified in this chapter. Fees shall be assessed as follows, subject to paragraph (2):

Fee Schedule			
Facility Type	Capacity	Original Application	Annual Fee
Family Day Care	1–8	\$73	\$73
	9–14	\$140	\$140
Day Care Centers	1–30	\$484	\$242
	31–60	\$968	\$484
	61–75	\$1,210	\$605
	76–90	\$1,452	\$726

	91–120	\$1,936	\$968
	121+	\$2,420	\$1,210

(2) (A) The Legislature finds that all revenues generated by fees for licenses computed under this section and used for the purposes for which they were imposed are not subject to Article XIII B of the California Constitution.

(B) The department, at least every five years, shall analyze initial application fees and annual fees issued by it to ensure the appropriate fee amounts are charged. The department shall recommend to the Legislature that fees established by the Legislature be adjusted as necessary to ensure that the amounts are appropriate.

(b) (1) In addition to fees set forth in subdivision (a), the department shall charge the following fees:

(A) A fee that represents 50 percent of an established application fee when an existing licensee moves the facility to a new physical address.

(B) A fee that represents 50 percent of the established application fee when a corporate licensee changes who has the authority to select a majority of the board of directors.

(C) A fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25) when an existing licensee seeks to either increase or decrease the licensed capacity of the facility.

(D) An orientation fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25) for attendance by any individual at a department-sponsored family child day care home orientation session, and a fifty dollar (\$50) orientation fee for attendance by any individual at a department-sponsored child day care center orientation session.

(E) A probation monitoring fee equal to the current annual fee, in addition to the current annual fee for that category and capacity for each year a license has been placed on probation as a result of a stipulation or decision and order pursuant to the administrative adjudication procedures of the Administrative Procedure Act (Chapter 4.5 (commencing with Section 11400) and Chapter 5 (commencing with Section 11500) of Part 1 of Division 3 of Title 2 of the Government Code).

(F) A late fee that represents an additional 50 percent of the established current annual fee when any licensee fails to pay the current annual licensing fee on or before the due date as indicated by postmark on the payment.

(G) A fee to cover any costs incurred by the department for processing payments including, but not limited to, bounced check charges, charges for credit and debit transactions, and postage due charges.

(H) A plan of correction fee of two hundred dollars (\$200) when any licensee does not implement a plan of correction on or prior to the date specified in the plan.

(2) No local jurisdiction shall impose any business license, fee, or tax for the privilege of operating a small family day care home licensed under this act.

(c) (1) The revenues collected from licensing fees pursuant to this section shall be utilized by the department for the purpose of ensuring the health and safety of all individuals provided care and supervision by licensees, and to support the activities of the licensing program, including, but not limited to, monitoring facilities for compliance with licensing laws and regulations pursuant to this act, and other administrative activities in support of the licensing program, when appropriated for these purposes. The revenues collected shall be used in addition to any other funds appropriated in the annual Budget Act in support of the licensing program. The department shall adjust the fees collected pursuant to this section as necessary to ensure they do not exceed the costs described in this paragraph.

(2) The department shall not utilize any portion of these revenues sooner than 30 days after notification in writing of the purpose and use, as approved by the Department of Finance, to the Chairperson of the Joint Legislative Budget Committee, and the chairpersons of the committee in each house that considers appropriations for each fiscal year. The department shall submit a budget change proposal to justify any positions or any other related support costs on an ongoing basis.

(d) A child day care facility may use a bona fide business or personal check to pay the license fee required under this section.

(e) The failure of an applicant for licensure or a licensee to pay all applicable and accrued fees and civil penalties shall constitute grounds for denial or forfeiture of a license.

(Amended by Stats. 2014, Ch. 29, Sec. 28. (SB 855) Effective June 20, 2014.)

1596.804. (a) Notwithstanding any other law, on or before January 1, 2024, the department shall revise its regulations to meet both of the following requirements:

(1) Permit children with exceptional needs, as defined in Section 8205 of the Education Code, who are enrolled in separate programs or classrooms from nondisabled children to use outdoor play spaces simultaneously with nondisabled children without first seeking a waiver of Section 101238.2 of Title 22 of the California Code of Regulations.

(2) Specify any health and safety requirements that shall be met when simultaneous use of outdoor play spaces as described in paragraph (1) occurs.

(b) Notwithstanding the rulemaking provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act (Chapter 3.5 (commencing with Section 11340) of Part 1 of Division 3 of Title 2 of the Government Code), the department may implement this section by means of an all-county letter or similar instruction. The all-county letter or similar instruction shall be issued on or before January 1, 2024.

(Added by Stats. 2022, Ch. 916, Sec. 1. (AB 2827) Effective January 1, 2023.)

1596.805. No person, firm, partnership, association, or corporation shall provide specialized services within a child day care facility in this state without first obtaining a special permit as provided in this act.

(Added by Stats. 1984, Ch. 1615, Sec. 9.)

1596.806. (a) A room used as a classroom by a schoolage childcare program shall not be required to meet the square footage or toilet requirements for child daycare centers if the program is operated on either of the following:

(1) A functioning schoolsite in the same facilities that have housed school children during the day, before or after school hours, or before and after school hours.

(2) A functioning schoolsite in facilities certified as usable as a classroom for instruction. A building owned by a school district, the state, or the schoolage child care program may meet the certification requirement if either of the following is provided to the department:

(A) Evidence that the building was approved as a classroom by the Division of the State Architect.

(B) A certification statement signed by the superintendent of the schools, or their designee, in the district where the schoolage childcare program is located, that the classroom building is of sufficient size to accommodate public instruction. The school district may make this certification regardless of the ownership of the classroom.

(b) School grounds, other than rooms used as classrooms, used by a schoolage childcare program operated on a functioning schoolsite pursuant to either paragraph (1) or (2) of subdivision (a) shall be exempt from all of the following requirements imposed by the department on child daycare facilities:

(1) Fencing, outdoor activity space, toilet, and isolation space requirements.

(2) Requirements to have exclusive use of the outdoor activity space or exclusive use of children's rest rooms also used by students located on school grounds.

(c) The exemptions pursuant to subdivisions (a) and (b) shall continue during school vacation and intersession periods.

(d) (1) For purposes of this section, "schoolage childcare program" means a program for children who are currently enrolled in a school, including transitional kindergarten, as defined in Section 48000 of the Education Code, or are dependent children living within the same household as a child attending a school, operated by an entity that contracts with the school to provide staff and program.

(2) Notwithstanding the rulemaking provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act (Chapter 3.5 (commencing with Section 11340) of Part 1 of Division 3 of Title 2 of the Government Code), the department may implement and administer the changes made by the act that added this paragraph through letters or similar written instructions that shall have the same force and effect as regulations until regulations are adopted.

(Amended by Stats. 2022, Ch. 571, Sec. 45. (AB 185) Effective September 27, 2022.)

1596.807. The State Department of Social Services, shall allow an extended daycare program, whether or not exempt from licensure pursuant to subdivision (h) of Section 1596.792, to serve additional children at that school site, so long as they are currently enrolled in a school, including transitional kindergarten, as defined in Section 48000 of the Education Code, and the number of additional children, including dependent children living within the same household as a child attending that school, does not exceed 15 percent of the total enrollment in the extended daycare program. In no case shall the enrollment of the extended daycare program exceed the enrollment during the regular schoolday.

1596.808. (a) Commencing January 1, 2012, except as provided in subdivisions (b) and (c), a licensed child day care facility shall comply with all of the following requirements for beverages served by the day care provider to children in the provider's care:

(1) Whenever milk is served, serve only lowfat (1 percent) milk or nonfat milk to children two years of age or older.

(2) Limit juice to not more than one serving per day of 100-percent juice.

(3) Serve no beverages with added sweeteners, either natural or artificial. "Beverages with added sweeteners" does not include infant formula or complete balanced nutritional products designed for children.

(4) Make clean and safe drinking water readily available and accessible for consumption throughout the day.

(b) If a child has a medical necessity documented by a physician that includes the need for "medical food" as defined by Section 109971 of the Health and Safety Code, a licensed child day care facility shall be exempt from complying with the requirements of subdivision (a), to the extent necessary to meet the medical needs of that child.

(c) This section shall not apply to beverages at a licensed child day care facility that are provided by a parent or legal guardian for his or her child.

(d) As the Dietary Guidelines for Americans, published jointly by the federal Department of Health and Human Services and the federal Department of Agriculture, are updated every five years, the department may adapt the provisions of this section by bulletin, as necessary, so that the standards continue to reflect the most recent relevant nutrition science and continue to improve the health of children in child care.

(e) The department shall only determine compliance with this section during a regularly scheduled, authorized inspection, and shall not be required to conduct separate and independent visits.

(Added by Stats. 2010, Ch. 593, Sec. 2. (AB 2084) Effective January 1, 2011.)

1596.809. (a) A prospective applicant for licensure shall be notified at the time of the initial request for information regarding application for licensure that, prior to obtaining licensure, the facility shall secure and maintain a fire clearance approval from the local fire enforcing agency, as defined in Section 13244, or the State Fire Marshal, whichever has primary fire protection jurisdiction. The prospective applicant shall be notified of the provisions of Section 13235, relating to the fire safety clearance application. The prospective applicant for licensure shall be notified that the fire clearance shall be in accordance with state and local fire safety regulations.

(b) (1) Until January 1, 2027, the State Fire Marshal and local fire enforcing agencies assigning occupancy and use or change of use classifications and issuing fire clearance approvals to day care centers as defined in Section 1596.76, shall apply the provisions of Chapter 3 of Title 24 of the California Building Code as the provisions existed on December 31, 2022.

(2) This subdivision applies to applicants for licensure as a day care center as defined in Section 1596.76, and licensed day care centers seeking an updated fire clearance due to changes that require a new fire clearance to be obtained, for a fire clearance inspection that occurs on or after January 1, 2023.

(c) This section shall remain operative only until January 1, 2027, or until the promulgation of regulations described in subdivision (d) of Section 13235, whichever occurs first, and as of January 1, 2027, is repealed.

(Amended by Stats. 2024, Ch. 998, Sec. 31. (AB 176) Effective September 30, 2024. Conditionally inoperative on or before the repeal date. Repealed as of January 1, 2027, by its own provisions. See later operative version added by Sec. 32 of Stats. 2024, Ch. 998.)

1596.809. (a) A prospective applicant for licensure shall be notified at the time of the initial request for information regarding application for licensure that, prior to obtaining licensure, the facility shall secure and maintain a fire clearance approval from the local fire enforcing agency, as defined in Section 13244, or the State Fire Marshal, whichever has primary fire protection jurisdiction. The prospective applicant shall be notified of the provisions of Section 13235, relating to the fire safety clearance application. The prospective applicant for licensure shall be notified that the fire clearance shall be in accordance with state and local fire safety regulations.

(b) This section shall become operative on January 1, 2027, or upon the promulgation of regulations described in subdivision (d) of Section 13235, whichever occurs first.

(Repealed (in Sec. 31) and added by Stats. 2024, Ch. 998, Sec. 32. (AB 176) Effective September 30, 2024. Conditionally operative on or before January 1, 2027, by its own provisions.)

1596.81. (a) The department shall adopt, amend, or repeal in accordance with Chapter 3.5 (commencing with Section 11340) of Part 1 of Division 3 of Title 2 of the Government Code any rules and regulations which may be necessary to carry out this act.

(b) Licensing requirements adopted pursuant to Section 1530 shall only continue to be applicable to day care centers, and requirements adopted pursuant to Section 1597.51 shall continue to be applicable to family day care homes, until the department adopts regulations pursuant to this chapter.

(Amended by Stats. 1985, Ch. 1064, Sec. 9.)

1596.813. The department shall adopt regulations regarding immunization requirements for children enrolled in family day care homes in accordance with Chapter 1 (commencing with Section 120325) of Part 2 of Division 105.

(Amended by Stats. 1996, Ch. 1023, Sec. 166. Effective September 29, 1996.)

1596.814. (a) A licensed family daycare home operated at a private single-family dwelling with an in-ground swimming pool on the premises shall comply with all of the following requirements:

(1) The swimming pool shall be equipped with, at minimum, the following drowning prevention safety features:

(A) An enclosure, including, but not limited to, a fence, wall, or other barrier that isolates the swimming pool from access to the family daycare home and has all of the following characteristics:

(i) An access gate that opens away from the swimming pool and is self-closing with a self-latching, key lockable device placed no lower than 60 inches above the ground.

(ii) A minimum height of 60 inches.

(iii) A maximum vertical clearance of two inches from the ground to the bottom of the enclosure.

(iv) No gaps or voids that can allow the passage of a sphere with a diameter equal to or greater than four inches.

(v) An outside surface free of protrusions, cavities, or other physical characteristics that would serve as handholds or footholds that could enable a child to climb over.

(vi) For mesh fencing that does not meet the above characteristics, the licensee must provide documentation that establishes the mesh fencing is compliant with the American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) International Standard F2286.

(B) In addition to the characteristics described in subparagraph (A), at least one of the following:

(i) (I) An approved safety pool cover that is manually or power operated and meets the performance standards of ASTM International Standard F1346-23.

(II) A licensee shall maintain and make available for inspection, upon request by the department, documentation that establishes the cover is compliant with ASTM International Standard F1346-23.

(ii) (I) An alarm that, when placed in a swimming pool, will sound upon detecting an entrance into the water. The alarm shall be turned on and be in working condition during a facility's operating hours while the swimming pool is not in use.

(II) A licensee shall maintain and make available for inspection, upon request by the department, documentation that establishes the alarm is compliant with ASTM International Standard F2208.

(2) The licensee shall have the following safety equipment visible from the swimming pool and readily available for immediate use:

(A) A life ring with a minimum exterior diameter of 17 inches and labeled as approved by the United States Coast Guard.

(B) A rescue pole with a body hook and a minimum fixed length of 12 feet.

(3) A licensee shall perform a daily inspection of the drowning prevention safety features and safety equipment before opening the facility and maintain a log of the inspections to be provided to the department upon request.

(4) Other safety requirements as determined necessary by the department in regulations, or as determined in statute.

(b) A licensed daycare center with an in-ground swimming pool on the premises shall comply with all of the following requirements:

(1) The swimming pool shall be equipped with at least one of the following drowning prevention safety features:

(A) An enclosure as described in subparagraph (A) of paragraph (1) of subdivision (a).

(B) If the swimming pool is indoors, a self-closing door that has either a self-latching device no lower than 60 inches above the ground, or requires a key card, code, or other means to restrict opening.

(2) The swimming pool shall have a second, redundant feature that prevents children in the daycare center from entering the pool area unattended.

(3) The licensee shall have the following safety equipment visible from the swimming pool and readily available for immediate use:

(A) A life ring with a minimum exterior diameter of 17 inches with a United States Coast Guard approval label.

(B) A rescue pole with a body hook and a minimum fixed length of 12 feet.

(4) The licensee shall perform a daily inspection of the drowning prevention safety features and safety equipment before opening the facility and maintain a log of the inspections to be provided to the department upon request.

(5) Other safety requirements as determined necessary by the department in regulations, or as determined in statute.

(c) The department shall adopt regulations implementing this section, in addition to regulations implementing drowning prevention safety standards for other bodies of water located at daycare facilities regulated by the department and not specified in this section, by January 1, 2027.

(d) Notwithstanding the rulemaking provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act (Chapter 3.5 (commencing with Section 11340) of Part 1 of Division 3 of Title 2 of the Government Code), the department may implement, interpret, make specific, and administer the changes made by this section by means of written directives that shall have the same force and effect as regulations, until January 1, 2027.

(Added by Stats. 2024, Ch. 745, Sec. 1. (AB 2866) Effective January 1, 2025.)

1596.815. The department shall, on or before December 31, 1991, review all child care regulations of the department with respect to clarifying or eliminating vagueness and shall issue revised regulations if necessary to correct those defects.

(Added by Stats. 1989, Ch. 301, Sec. 2.)

1596.816. (a) The Community Care Licensing Division of the department shall regulate child care licensees through an organizational unit that is separate from that used to regulate all other licensing programs. The chief of the child care licensing branch shall report directly to the Deputy Director of the Community Care Licensing Division.

(b) All child care regulatory functions of the licensing division, including the adoption and interpretation of regulations, staff training, monitoring and enforcement functions, administrative support functions, and child care advocacy responsibilities shall be carried out by the child care licensing branch to the extent that separation of these activities can be accomplished without new costs to the department.

(c) Those persons conducting inspections of day care facilities shall meet qualifications approved by the State Personnel Board.

(d) The department shall notify the appropriate legislative committees whenever actual staffing levels of licensing program analysts within the child care licensing branch drops more than 10 percent below authorized positions.

(e) The budget for the child care licensing branch shall be included as a separate entry within the budget of the department.

(Amended by Stats. 2006, Ch. 538, Sec. 362. Effective January 1, 2007.)

1596.817. (a) When the department conducts a site visit of a licensed child day care facility, the department shall post on, or immediately adjacent to, the interior side of the main door into the facility and adjacent to the postings required pursuant to Section 1596.8595, a notice, written in at least 14-point type, that includes all of the following:

(1) The date of the site visit.

(2) Whether the facility was cited for violating any state standards or regulations as a result of the site visit and which of the following categories was cited:

(A) A violation that, if not corrected, will have a direct and immediate risk to the health, safety, or personal rights of children in care.

(B) A violation that, if not corrected, could become a risk to the health, safety, or personal rights of children, a recordkeeping violation that would impact the care of children, or a violation that would impact those services required to meet children's needs.

(3) Whether the facility is required to post the site visit report for 30 consecutive days pursuant to Section 1596.8595.

(4) A statement explaining that copies of the site visit report, including, but not limited to, violations noted in subparagraph (B) of paragraph (2), may be obtained by contacting the department and the telephone number to call in order to obtain a copy of the site visit report.

(5) The name and telephone number of a person in the department who may be contacted for further information about the site visit report.

(b) (1) The notice posted pursuant to subdivision (a) shall remain posted for 30 consecutive days, except that a family day care home shall comply with the posting requirements contained in this subdivision only during the hours when clients are present.

(2) Failure by a licensed child day care facility or a family day care home to comply with paragraph (1) shall result in an immediate civil penalty of one hundred dollars (\$100).

(Added by Stats. 2003, Ch. 403, Sec. 1. Effective January 1, 2004.)

1596.818. (a) The department shall specify in its licensing report all violations that, if not corrected, will have a direct and immediate risk to the health, safety, or personal rights of children in care.

(b) The department shall complete all complaint investigations and place a note of final conclusion in the department's facility file, consistent with the confidentiality requirements of Section 1596.853, regardless of whether the licensee voluntarily surrendered his or her license.

(Added by Stats. 2008, Ch. 291, Sec. 19. Effective September 25, 2008.)

1596.819. (a) Except as otherwise prohibited by law, the department shall post licensing information on its Internet Web site as follows:

(1) For each child day care facility as defined in Section 1596.750, except family day care homes, the information shall include, but is not limited to, the name and address of the facility, the licensed capacity of the facility, the status of the license, and the number of site inspections, including the number of citations, substantiated and unsubstantiated complaint inspections, and noncomplaint inspections during the preceding five-year period.

(2) For each family day care home, the information shall include, but is not limited to, the name of the home, the status of the license, and the number of site inspections, including the number of citations, substantiated and unsubstantiated complaint inspections, and noncomplaint inspections during the preceding five-year period.

(b) The department shall update the information posted under subdivision (a) on at least a monthly basis.

(Amended by Stats. 2016, Ch. 823, Sec. 9. (AB 2231) Effective January 1, 2017.)

1596.82. The department may contract for state, county, or other public agencies to assume specified licensing, approval, or consultation responsibilities. If an agency also provides licensing, approval, or consultation responsibilities for the purpose of administering Chapter 3 (commencing with Section 1500), the agency shall maintain licensing staff positions distinct from those positions responsible for administering Chapter 3 (commencing with Section 1500). The department shall reimburse agencies for services performed pursuant to this section which shall not exceed actual cost.

(Added by Stats. 1984, Ch. 1615, Sec. 9.)

1596.83. An applicant or licensee shall file his or her mailing address, in writing, with the department and, shall notify the department, in writing, of any change within 10 calendar days.

(Added by Stats. 1987, Ch. 1069, Sec. 8.)

1596.84. The department may issue provisional licenses to operate day care facilities which the director determines are in substantial compliance with the provisions of the licensure requirements and the rules and regulations adopted pursuant thereto, provided, that no life safety risks are involved, as determined by the director. In determining whether any life safety risks are involved, the director shall require completion of all applicable fire clearances and criminal record clearances as otherwise required by the department's rules and regulations. The provisional license shall expire six months from the date of issuance, or at such earlier time as the director may determine. However, the director may extend the term of a provisional license for an additional six

months time, if it is determined that more than six months will be required to achieve full compliance with licensing standards due to circumstances beyond the control of the applicant, provided all other requirements for a license have been met. In no case shall a provisional license be issued for more than 12 months.

(Amended by Stats. 1985, Ch. 1064, Sec. 11.)

1596.841. Each child day care facility shall maintain a current roster of children who are provided care in the facility. The roster shall include the name, address, and daytime telephone number of the child's parent or guardian, and the name and telephone number of the child's physician. This roster shall be available to the licensing agency upon request.

(Added by Stats. 1985, Ch. 1312, Sec. 1.)

1596.842. Following approval by the department of a list of provider rights, the Community Care Licensing Division shall print and distribute in person, to individuals or to groups, and by other appropriate methods of distribution, a list of provider rights which shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

(a) Site visit rights:

(1) The right to require licensing field staff to identify themselves.

(2) The right to be advised of the type of the visit, whether complaint, plan of correction, preclicensing, or some other type. When a site visit is made to investigate a complaint, the site visit rights described in paragraphs (4) and (9) shall be applicable at the completion of the investigation.

(3) The right to be treated as a professional and with dignity and respect.

(4) The right to receive an accurate report of the evaluator's findings listing each observed deficiency. Each deficiency shall be separately numbered, so as to clearly indicate the number of deficiencies, shall be accompanied by a number that corresponds to a section of law or licensing regulation, and shall include a description of the evaluator's observation that led to the finding of a deficiency. The description of the evaluator's observation shall include a clear explanation of why the existing condition constitutes a deficiency, unless the description of the observation provides the explanation.

(5) The right to review licensing laws, regulations, and policy.

(6) The right to an impartial investigation of all complaints.

(7) The right, at the time of the visit, to determine and develop a plan of correction for deficiencies cited.

(8) The right to use the licensing report (LIC 809) as a means to agree or disagree with cited deficiencies.

(9) The right to an exit interview upon completion of the visit and to receive a signed copy of the LIC 809.

(10) The right to be informed on the LIC 809 of the evaluator's supervisor and his or her telephone number.

(11) The right of access to the public file on any facility and the right to purchase a copy at a reasonable cost.

(b) Initial appeal rights:

(1) The right, without prejudice, to appeal any decision, any failure to act according to law or regulation, or any failure to act within any specified timeline, through the licensing agency as specified in Sections 1596.99 and 1597.58.

(2) The right to request a meeting with district office administrators to discuss any licensing issue and with notice to bring any person to the meeting.

(3) The right to due process and the option of bringing a representative to any administrative action.

(c) The right to file a formal complaint, and receive a written response to that complaint within 30 days, for any licensing issue not covered by subdivision (b), including, but not limited to, inappropriate behavior of department employees.

(d) The department shall, by June 30, 1992, mail to all licensees a copy of this section and a full and complete copy of the appeals procedure developed to implement subdivision (b).

(e) The department shall, on all forms it requires or recommends that providers use, all notices of regulations or departmental policy, and all notices to implement this section, clearly label the department as the source of the material, including the name of the

department, the name of the division responsible for implementing this chapter, and the address of that division.

(Amended by Stats. 2015, Ch. 486, Sec. 6. (AB 1387) Effective January 1, 2016.)

1596.843. (a) Whenever a facility visit and a complaint investigation are conducted at the same time by the department, a separate licensing report shall be used to document the complaint investigation.

(b) The department shall review a random sample of licensing reports to evaluate the consistency of the application of regulations by different licensing program analysts.

(Added by Stats. 1989, Ch. 301, Sec. 4.)

1596.844. The department shall acknowledge in writing within 10 days of receipt, the request of a licensee to review notices of deficiency or penalty, or both.

(Added by Stats. 1989, Ch. 301, Sec. 5.)

1596.845. Prior to the issuance of a new license or special permit pursuant to this chapter, Chapter 3.5 (commencing with Section 1596.90), or Chapter 3.6 (commencing with Section 1597.30) the applicant shall attend an orientation given by the department. The orientation given by the department shall outline all of the following:

(a) The rules and regulations of the department applicable to child day care facilities.

(b) The scope of operation of a child day care facility.

(c) The responsibility entailed in operating a child day care facility.

(d) Information about the Healthy Schools Act of 2000 and integrated pest management practices.

(Amended by Stats. 2006, Ch. 865, Sec. 8. Effective January 1, 2007.)

1596.846. (a) The Legislature finds and declares all of the following:

(1) The American Academy of Pediatrics, after reviewing the data from all the studies, concluded that baby walkers are dangerous and should be banned from all manufacturing, sale, and distribution in the United States.

(2) A jury in San Mateo County, California has determined that baby walkers are inherently unsafe and are not capable of design changes in order to prevent accidents.

(3) Citing numerous ways in which babies can be injured, Consumer Reports found that, "With a capacity to move as fast as five feet per second, a baby walker can propel your baby faster than you can rescue him."

(4) During the past 15 years, one particular product, a baby walker, has been shown to be associated with increasing numbers of injuries to infants, with the most recent reporting year, 1991, indicating that 27,800 children under the age of two years had to be admitted to an emergency room in the United States for injuries associated with a baby walker.

(b) A baby walker shall not be kept or used on the premises of a child day care facility.

(c) A "baby walker" means any article described in paragraph (4) of subdivision (a) of Section 1500.86 of Part 1500 of Title 16 of the Code of Federal Regulations.

(d) Section 1596.890 shall not apply to this section.

(Added by Stats. 1993, Ch. 336, Sec. 1. Effective January 1, 1994.)

1596.847. (a) A child day care facility shall not use or have on the premises, on or after July 1, 1998, a full-size or non-full-size crib that is unsafe for any infant using the crib, as described in Article 1 (commencing with Section 24500) of Chapter 4.7 of Division 20. This subdivision shall not apply to any antique or collectible crib if it is not used by, or accessible to, any child in the child day care facility.

(b) The State Department of Social Services shall provide information and instructional materials regarding sudden infant death syndrome, explaining the medical effects upon infants and young children and emphasizing measures that may reduce the risk, free of charge to any child care facility licensed to provide care to children under the age of two years. This shall occur upon licensure and, on a one-time basis only, at the time of a regularly scheduled site visit.

(c) To the maximum extent practicable, the materials provided to child care facilities shall substantially reflect the information contained in materials approved by the State Department of Health Services for public circulation. The State Department of Health Services shall make available, to child care facilities, free of charge, information in camera-ready typesetting format. Nothing in this section prohibits the State Department of Social Services from obtaining free and suitable information from any other public or

private agency. The information and instructional materials provided pursuant to this section shall focus upon the serious nature of the risk to infants and young children presented by sudden infant death syndrome.

(d) The requirement that informational and instructional materials be provided pursuant to this section applies only when those materials have been supplied to those persons or entities that are required to provide the materials. The persons or entities required to provide these materials shall not be subject to any legal cause of action whatsoever based on the requirements of this section.

(e) For persons or agencies providing these materials pursuant to this section, this section does not require the provision of duplicative or redundant informational and instructional materials.

(Amended by Stats. 2006, Ch. 538, Sec. 363. Effective January 1, 2007.)

1596.85. No license or special permit issued pursuant to Chapters 3.5 (commencing with Section 15967.90) and 3.6 (commencing with Section 1597.30) shall have any property value for sale or exchange purposes and no person, including any owner, agent, or broker, shall sell or exchange the license or special permit for any commercial purpose.

(Added by Stats. 1984, Ch. 1615, Sec. 9.)

1596.851. (a) (1) If an application for a license or special permit indicates, or the department determines during the application review process, that the applicant previously was issued a license under this act or under Chapter 1 (commencing with Section 1200), Chapter 2 (commencing with Section 1250), Chapter 3 (commencing with Section 1500), Chapter 3.01 (commencing with Section 1568.01), or Chapter 3.3 (commencing with Section 1569) and that the prior license was revoked within the preceding two years, the department shall cease any further review of the application until two years shall have elapsed from the date of the revocation.

(2) If an application for a license or special permit indicates, or the department determines during the application review process, that the applicant previously was issued a certificate of approval by a foster family agency that was revoked by the department pursuant to subdivision (b) of Section 1534 within the preceding two years, the department shall cease any further review of the application until two years have elapsed from the date of the revocation.

(3) If an application for a license or special permit indicates, or the department determines during the application review process, that the applicant was excluded from a facility licensed by the department pursuant to Section 1558, 1568.092, 1569.58, or 1596.8897, the department shall cease any further review of the application unless the excluded individual has been reinstated pursuant to Section 11522 of the Government Code by the department.

(b) If an application for a license or special permit indicates, or the department determines during the application review process, that the applicant had previously applied for a license under any of the chapters listed in paragraph (1) of subdivision (a) and the application was denied within the last year, the department shall cease further review of the application as follows:

(1) In cases where the applicant petitioned for a hearing, the department shall cease further review of the application until one year has elapsed from the effective date of the decision and order of the department upholding a denial.

(2) In cases where the department informed the applicant of his or her right to petition for a hearing as specified in Section 1596.879 and the applicant did not petition for a hearing, the department shall cease further review of the application until one year has elapsed from the date of the notification of the denial and the right to petition for a hearing.

(3) The department may continue to review the application if it has determined that the reasons for the denial of the application were due to circumstances and conditions which have been corrected or are no longer in existence. The cessation of review shall not constitute a denial of the application.

(c) If an application for a license or special permit indicates, or the department determines during the application review process, that the applicant had previously applied for a certificate of approval with a foster family agency and the department ordered the foster family agency to deny the application pursuant to subdivision (b) of Section 1534, the department shall cease further review of the application as follows:

(1) In cases where the applicant petitioned for a hearing, the department shall cease further review of the application until one year has elapsed from the effective date of the decision and order of the department upholding a denial.

(2) In cases where the department informed the applicant of his or her right to petition for a hearing and the applicant did not petition for a hearing, the department shall cease further review of the application until one year has elapsed from the date of the notification of the denial and the right to petition for a hearing.

(3) The department may continue to review the application if it has determined that the reasons for the denial of the application were due to circumstances and conditions that either have been corrected or are no longer in existence.

(d) The cessation of review shall not constitute a denial of the application for purposes of Section 1526 or any other law.

(Amended by Stats. 1997, Ch. 617, Sec. 16. Effective January 1, 1998.)

1596.852. Any duly authorized officer, employee, or agent of the department may, upon presentation of proper identification, enter and inspect any place providing personal care, supervision, and services at any time, with or without advance notice, to secure compliance with, or to prevent a violation of, this act or the regulations adopted by the department pursuant to the act.

(Amended by Stats. 1985, Ch. 1064, Sec. 13.)

1596.853. (a) Any person may request an inspection of any child daycare facility in accordance with the California Child Day Care Facilities Act by transmitting to the department notice of an alleged violation of applicable requirements prescribed by the statutes or regulations of this state. A complaint may be made either orally or in writing.

(b) The substance of the complaint shall be provided to the licensee no earlier than at the time of the inspection. Unless the complainant specifically requests otherwise, neither the substance of the complaint provided the licensee nor any copy of the complaint or any record published, released, or otherwise made available to the licensee shall disclose the name of any person mentioned in the complaint, except the name of any duly authorized officer, employee, or agent of the department conducting the investigation or inspection pursuant to this chapter.

(c) Upon receipt of a complaint, the department shall make a preliminary review and, unless the department determines that the complaint is willfully intended to harass a licensee or is without any reasonable basis, the department shall make an onsite inspection within 10 days after receiving the complaint, except where the visit would adversely affect the licensing investigation or the investigation of other agencies, including, but not limited to, law enforcement agencies. In either event, the complainant shall be promptly informed of the department's proposed course of action.

If the department determines that the complaint is without a reasonable basis, then the complaint shall be marked confidential and shall not be disclosed to the public. The childcare provider shall be notified in writing within 30 days of the dismissal that the complaint has been dismissed.

(d) (1) The department shall notify a resource and referral program funded under Section 10217 of the Welfare and Institutions Code, as follows:

(A) Upon the issuance or denial of a license for a child daycare facility within the resource and referral program's jurisdiction.

(B) Within one business day of a finding that physical or sexual abuse has occurred at a child daycare facility within the resource and referral program's jurisdiction.

(C) Within two business days of the issuance of a temporary suspension order, or the revocation or placement on probation of a license for a child daycare facility within the resource and referral program's jurisdiction.

(D) The department shall also notify the resource and referral program of the final resolution of any action specified in this paragraph.

(2) With the exception of parents seeking local daycare service, any other entity specified in subdivision (b) of Section 1596.86 may request that the department provide the notification described in paragraph (1).

(e) When the department substantiates an allegation that it deems to be serious in a facility funded pursuant to Chapter 1 (commencing with Section 10200) of Part 1.8 of Division 9 of the Welfare and Institutions Code or Chapter 2 (commencing with Section 8200) of Part 6 of Division 1 of Title 1 of the Education Code it shall notify the State Department of Education.

(Amended by Stats. 2021, Ch. 116, Sec. 246. (AB 131) Effective July 23, 2021.)

1596.8535. (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the department shall conduct any authorized inspection, announced site visit, or unannounced site visit of any child daycare facility only during the period beginning one hour before and ending one hour after the facility's normal business hours or at any time childcare services are being provided. This subdivision shall not apply to the investigation of any complaint received by the department if the department determines that an inspection or site visit outside the time period beginning one hour before, and ending one hour after, the facility's normal operating hours is necessary to protect the health or safety of any child in the facility.

(b) If a facility is closed for an extended period of time, the department may not perform any inspection, announced site visit, or unannounced site visit until the facility has reopened, subject to subdivision (a).

(c) The department shall develop regulations establishing a procedure by which a licensee of any childcare facility may notify the licensing agency of a planned period of inactivity in the operation of the facility. The department shall also develop regulations

establishing a procedure by which the department shall determine if it will grant inactive status to a licensee after receiving this notice from the licensee.

(d) If the department grants inactive status to a licensee pursuant to subdivision (c), the license shall not be valid during the period of inactivity in the operation of the facility, the licensee shall be responsible for the payment of annual licensing fees and for maintaining licensing standards upon reactivation of operation of the facility, and the department's timeframe for required site visits shall be adjusted accordingly. However, if the department believes the licensee is operating during a period in which the department has granted inactive status to the licensee, the department may enter the facility for any inspection permitted by law.

(e) This section shall be operative July 1, 2003.

(Added by Stats. 2002, Ch. 122, Sec. 1. Effective January 1, 2003. Section operative July 1, 2003, by its own provisions.)

1596.854. The withdrawal of an application for a license or a special permit after it has been filed with the department shall not, unless the department consents in writing to the withdrawal, deprive the department of its authority to institute or continue a proceeding against the applicant for the denial of the license or a special permit upon any ground provided by law or to enter an order denying the license or special permit upon any such ground.

The suspension, expiration, or forfeiture by operation of law of a license or a special permit issued by the department, or its suspension, forfeiture, or cancellation by order of the department or by order of a court of law, or its surrender without the written consent of the department, shall not deprive the department of its authority to institute or continue a disciplinary proceeding against the licensee or holder of a special permit upon any ground provided by law or to enter an order suspending or revoking the license or special permit or otherwise taking disciplinary action against the licensee or holder of a special permit on any such ground.

(Added by Stats. 1984, Ch. 1615, Sec. 9.)

1596.855. (a) Upon attendance at an orientation meeting, as described in Section 1596.845, an applicant shall be provided, without charge, a printed copy of all applicable regulations by the department, a copy of Section 1596.842, and a copy of the appeals procedure specified in subdivision (b) of Section 1596.842. The department shall inform applicants of the availability of a Spanish language version of these materials and shall provide it to the applicant upon request by the applicant.

(b) The department shall mail, without charge, printed copies of all revisions of regulations to all resource and referral programs funded under Section 10217 of the Welfare and Institutions Code and to any association of childcare agencies which requests to receive revisions of regulations. Upon request, the department shall mail, without charge, a version of these regulations in Spanish, and may mail, without charge, a version of these regulations in other languages, as available.

(c) The versions in Spanish and in other languages shall be provided as a convenience to the reader. In the event of a discrepancy between these versions and the English version, the English version shall prevail.

(Amended by Stats. 2021, Ch. 116, Sec. 247. (AB 131) Effective July 23, 2021.)

1596.8555. A licensed child day care facility shall post its license in a prominent, publicly accessible location in the facility. A family day care home shall comply with this posting requirement during the hours when clients are present.

(Added by Stats. 2004, Ch. 358, Sec. 5. Effective January 1, 2005.)

1596.856. If the department finds that the applicant is not in compliance with this act or the regulations promulgated under this act, the department shall deny the applicant a license.

(Amended by Stats. 1992, Ch. 1315, Sec. 26. Effective January 1, 1993.)

1596.857. (a) Upon presentation of identification, the responsible parent or guardian of a child receiving services in a child day care facility has the right to enter and inspect the facility without advance notice during the normal operating hours of the facility or at any time that the child is receiving services in the facility. Parents or guardians when inspecting shall be respectful of the children's routines and programmed activities. The facility shall inform parents and guardians of children receiving services in the facility of the right of the parents and guardians to inspect the facility pursuant to this section.

(b) No child day care facility shall discriminate or retaliate against any child or parent or guardian on the basis or for the reason that the parent or guardian has exercised his or her right under this section to inspect the facility or has lodged a complaint with the department against a facility.

(c) If any child day care facility denies a parent or legal guardian the right to enter and inspect a facility or retaliates, the department shall issue the facility a warning citation. For any subsequent violation of this right, the department may impose a civil penalty upon the facility of fifty dollars (\$50) per violation. The department may take any appropriate action, including license revocation.

(d) Each child day care facility shall permanently post in a facility location accessible to parents and guardians a written notice, available from the department, of the right to make an inspection pursuant to this section and the prohibition against retaliation and the right to file a complaint. In addition, this notice shall include information stating that the specified registered sex offender

database is available to the public via an Internet Web site maintained by the Department of Justice as www.meganslaw.ca.gov. The department shall make this written notice available to child day care facility licensees, and shall include on this notice a statement of the right of the parents and guardians to review licensing reports of facility visits and substantiated complaints against the facility on the site of the facility, pursuant to Section 1596.859.

(e) At the time of acceptance of each child into a child day care facility after January 1, 2007, the licensee shall provide the child's parent or guardian with a copy of the Family Child Care Home Notification of Parents' Rights provided by the State Department of Social Services, which shall include information stating that the specified registered sex offender database is available to the public via an Internet Web site maintained by the Department of Justice as www.meganslaw.ca.gov.

(f) Upon delivery of the Family Child Care Home Notification of Parents' Rights required pursuant to subdivision (e) to a parent or guardian, a provider is not required to provide any additional information regarding the location and proximity of registered sex offenders who reside in the community where the child care facility or family day care home is located. The provision of the information required by this section to parents and guardians of a child in their care shall not subject the provider to any liability or cause of action against the provider by a registered sex offender identified in the database.

(g) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, the person present who is in charge of a child day care facility may deny access to an adult whose behavior presents a risk to children present in the facility and may deny access to noncustodial parents or guardians if so requested by the responsible parent or legal guardian.

(Amended by Stats. 2006, Ch. 208, Sec. 1. Effective January 1, 2007.)

1596.858. A license shall be forfeited by operation of law prior to its expiration date when any one of the following occurs:

(a) The licensee sells or otherwise transfers the facility or facility property, except when change of ownership applies to transferring of stock when the facility is owned by a corporation, and when the transfer of stock does not constitute a majority change in ownership.

(b) The licensee surrenders the license to the department.

(c) The licensee moves the facility from one location to another. The department shall develop regulations to ensure that the facilities are not charged a full licensing fee and do not have to complete the entire application process when applying for license for the new location.

(d) The licensee is convicted of an offense specified in Section 220, 243.4, or 264.1, or paragraph (1) of Section 273a, Section 273d, 288, or 289 of the Penal Code, or is convicted of another crime specified in subdivision (c) of Section 667.5 of the Penal Code.

(e) The licensee dies. If an adult relative notifies the department of his or her desire to continue operation of the facility and submits an application, the department shall expedite the application. The department shall promulgate regulations for expediting applications submitted pursuant to this subdivision.

(f) The licensee abandons the facility.

(Amended by Stats. 1989, Ch. 606, Sec. 9.)

1596.859. (a) (1) Each licensed child daycare facility shall make accessible to the public a copy of any licensing report or other public licensing document pertaining to the facility that documents a facility inspection, a substantiated complaint investigation, a conference with a local licensing agency management representative and the licensee in which issues of noncompliance are discussed, or a copy of an accusation indicating the department's intent to revoke the facility's license. An individual licensing report and other licensing documents shall not be required to be maintained beyond three years from the date of issuance, and shall not include any information that would not have been accessible to the public through the State Department of Social Services Community Care Licensing Division.

(2) (A) Every childcare resource and referral program established pursuant to Chapter 2 (commencing with Section 10217) of Part 1.8 of Division 9 of the Welfare and Institutions Code and every alternative payment program established pursuant to Chapter 3 (commencing with Section 10225) of Part 1.8 of Division 9 of the Welfare and Institutions Code shall advise every person who requests a childcare referral of their right to the licensing information of a licensed child daycare facility required to be maintained at the facility pursuant to this section and to access any public files pertaining to the facility that are maintained by the State Department of Social Services Community Care Licensing Division.

(B) A written or oral advisement in substantially the following form, with the telephone number of the local licensing office included, will comply with the requirements of subparagraph (A):

"As a parent, you have the right to get information about any substantiated or unsubstantiated complaints about a childcare provider that you select for your child. That information is public and you can get it by calling the local licensing office. This telephone number is ____."

(b) Within 30 days after the date specified by the department for a licensee to correct a deficiency, the department shall provide the licensee with a licensing report or other appropriate document verifying compliance or noncompliance. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, and with good cause, the department may provide the licensee with an alternate timeframe for providing the licensing report or other appropriate document verifying compliance or noncompliance. If the department provides the licensee with an alternate timeframe, it shall also provide the reasons for the alternate timeframe, in writing. The licensee shall make this documentation available to the public.

(Amended by Stats. 2021, Ch. 116, Sec. 248. (AB 131) Effective July 23, 2021.)

1596.8595. (a) (1) Each licensed child day care facility shall post a copy of any licensing report pertaining to the facility that documents either a facility inspection or a complaint investigation that results in a citation for a violation that, if not corrected, will create a direct and immediate risk to the health, safety, or personal rights of the children in care. The licensing report provided by the department shall be posted immediately upon receipt, adjacent to the postings required pursuant to Section 1596.817 and on, or immediately adjacent to, the interior side of the main door to the facility and shall remain posted for 30 consecutive days.

(2) A family day care home shall comply with the posting requirements contained in paragraph (1) during the hours when clients are present.

(3) Failure to comply with paragraph (1) shall result in an immediate civil penalty of one hundred dollars (\$100).

(b) (1) Notwithstanding subdivision (b) of Section 1596.859, the licensee shall post a licensing report or other appropriate document verifying the licensee's compliance or noncompliance with the department's order to correct a deficiency that is subject to posting pursuant to paragraph (1) of subdivision (a). The licensing report or other document shall be posted immediately upon receipt, adjacent to the postings required pursuant to Section 1596.817, on, or immediately adjacent to, the interior side of the main door into the facility and shall be posted for a period of 30 consecutive days.

(2) A family day care home shall comply with the posting requirements contained in paragraph (1) during the hours when clients are present.

(3) Failure to comply with paragraph (1) shall result in an immediate civil penalty of one hundred dollars (\$100).

(c) (1) A licensed child day care facility shall provide to the parents or guardians of each child receiving services in the facility copies of any licensing report that documents a citation issued pursuant to subdivision (e) or (f) of Section 1596.99 or subdivision (e) or (f) of Section 1597.58 or that represents an immediate risk to the health, safety, or personal rights of children in care as set forth in paragraph (1) of subdivision (a) of Section 1596.893b.

(2) Upon enrollment of a new child in a facility, the licensee shall provide to the parents or legal guardians of the newly enrolling child copies of any licensing report that the licensee has received during the prior 12-month period that documents a citation issued pursuant to subdivision (e) or (f) of Section 1596.99 or subdivision (e) or (f) of Section 1597.58 or that represents an immediate risk to the health, safety, or personal rights of children in care as set forth in paragraph (1) of subdivision (a) of Section 1596.893b.

(3) The licensee shall require each recipient of the licensing report described in paragraph (1) pertaining to a complaint investigation to sign a statement indicating that he or she has received the document and the date it was received.

(4) The licensee shall keep verification of receipt in each child's file.

(d) (1) A licensed child day care facility shall provide to the parents or legal guardians of each child receiving services in the facility copies of any licensing document pertaining to a conference conducted by a local licensing agency management representative with the licensee in which issues of noncompliance are discussed.

(2) Upon enrollment of a new child in a facility, the licensee shall provide to the parents or legal guardians of the newly enrolling child copies of any licensing document that the licensee has received during the prior 12-month period that pertains to a conference conducted by a local licensing agency management representative with the licensee in which issues of noncompliance are discussed.

(3) The licensee shall require each recipient of the licensing document pertaining to a conference to sign a statement indicating that he or she has received the document and the date it was received.

(4) The licensee shall keep verification of receipt in each child's file.

(e) This section shall become operative on July 1, 2017.

(Repealed (in Sec. 11) and added by Stats. 2016, Ch. 823, Sec. 12. (AB 2231) Effective January 1, 2017. Section operative July 1, 2017, by its own provisions.)

1596.86. (a) The director shall annually publish and make available to interested persons a list or lists covering all licensed child daycare facilities, other than small family daycare homes, and the services for which each facility has been licensed or issued a special permit. The lists shall also specify the licensed capacity of the facility and whether it is licensed by the department or by another public agency.

(b) (1) To encourage the recruitment of small family daycare homes and protect their personal privacy, the department shall prevent the use of lists containing names, addresses, and other identifying information of facilities identified as small family daycare homes, except as necessary for administering the licensing program and providing the names and addresses to resource and referral agencies funded by the department, food and nutrition programs funded by the department, alternative payment programs funded by the department, county welfare-to-work programs under Article 3.2 (commencing with Section 11320) of Chapter 2 of Part 3 of Division 9 of the Welfare and Institutions Code, family childcare organizations, provider organizations that have been determined to be provider organizations pursuant to subdivision (a) of Section 10422 of the Welfare and Institutions Code, the Department of Human Resources and the Public Employment Relations Board for the administration of Chapter 25 (commencing with Section 10420) of Part 1.8 of Division 9 of the Welfare and Institutions Code, or specialized health care service plans licensed under the Knox-Keene Health Care Service Plan Act of 1975, as contained in Chapter 2.2 (commencing with Section 1340), which provide employee assistance program services that include childcare referral services.

(2) Notwithstanding any other law, the department may disclose the license numbers, names, Zip Codes, and telephone numbers of small family daycare homes for purposes of facilitating the placement of children in small family daycare homes. The information specified in this paragraph may be provided to individuals and entities, including, but not limited to, parents, legal guardians, and caregivers seeking daycare services and consumer education internet websites available to the public.

(3) The department may require an individual or entity to maintain the confidentiality of any information provided pursuant to paragraph (1) or (2).

(c) The department shall adopt regulations relating to the confidentiality of identifying information provided pursuant to subdivision (b) on small family daycare homes. These regulations shall include procedures for updating lists or other information on small family daycare homes to ensure referral only to licensed family daycare homes in good standing with the department. The department may deny any individual or entity that violates the regulations adopted pursuant to this subdivision access to information on small family daycare homes and shall report these individuals or entities to the appropriate funding or licensing agency.

(Amended by Stats. 2024, Ch. 73, Sec. 18. (SB 163) Effective July 2, 2024.)

1596.861. (a) Each child day care facility licensed under this chapter, Chapter 3.5 (commencing with Section 1596.90), or Chapter 3.6 (commencing with Section 1597.30) shall reveal its license number in all advertisements, publications, or announcements made with the intent to attract clients.

(b) Advertisements, publications, or announcements subject to the requirements of subdivision (a) include, but are not limited to, those contained in the following:

- (1) Newspaper or magazine.
- (2) Consumer report.
- (3) Announcement of intent to commence business.
- (4) Telephone directory yellow pages.
- (5) Professional or service directory.
- (6) Radio or television commercial.

(Amended by Stats. 1990, Ch. 216, Sec. 56.)

1596.862. (a) The department may approve or deny a written request for enrollment or retention of a nonminor student at a schoolage child care center. The department may approve a request for enrollment or retention of a nonminor student if the department determines the schoolage child care center can meet the needs of the nonminor student and enrollment or retention of the nonminor student is not detrimental to the health and safety of the nonminor student.

(b) (1) For the purposes of retention, if a request, as described in subdivision (c), is submitted to the department at least 30 days prior to the child's 18th birthday, the nonminor student shall be retained at a schoolage child care center, unless the request is denied in writing by the department.

(2) For the purposes of enrollment, a nonminor student shall not be enrolled at a schoolage child care center until the request, as described in subdivision (c), is approved in writing by the department.

(c) A written request from a schoolage child care center for enrollment or retention of a nonminor student shall include all of the following:

(1) Confirmation that the licensee conducted a personal interview of the nonminor student or the nonminor student's authorized representative, if applicable, and a written statement from the licensee that assesses both of the following:

(A) Whether the enrollment or retention of the nonminor student would present a threat to the physical health, mental health, or safety of the nonminor student and others at the schoolage child care center.

(B) Whether the needs of the nonminor student can be met by the schoolage child care center.

(2) A copy of the nonminor student's current individualized education program and any other information requested by the department.

(d) A nonminor student enrolled or retained pursuant to this section shall be exempt from the fingerprinting and criminal record clearance requirements in Section 1596.871 and otherwise applicable regulations.

(e) An approved request may be terminated by the department and a citation of deficiency, an assessment of civil penalties, or discipline of the licensee pursuant to Section 1596.885 or Section 1596.886, or any combination thereof, may result if the licensee fails to comply with applicable laws.

(f) The department may adopt regulations necessary to implement this section.

(Added by Stats. 2011, Ch. 471, Sec. 3. (SB 309) Effective January 1, 2012.)

1596.865. It is the intent of the Legislature to encourage any person who provides child care in a child day care facility licensed pursuant to this chapter, Chapter 3.5 (commencing with Section 1596.90), or Chapter 3.6 (commencing with Section 1597.30) to have the following elementary health care training:

(a) Cardiopulmonary resuscitation.

(b) Pediatric first aid.

(c) Preventive health practices, including food preparation, childhood nutrition, and sanitation practices that support overall health and reduce the spread of infectious diseases.

(Amended by Stats. 2013, Ch. 734, Sec. 2. (AB 290) Effective January 1, 2014.)

1596.866. (a) (1) In addition to other required training, at least one director or teacher at each day care center, and each family day care home licensee who provides care, shall have at least 15 hours of health and safety training, and if applicable, at least one additional hour of training pursuant to clause (ii) of subparagraph (C) of paragraph (2).

(2) The health and safety training shall include the following components:

(A) Pediatric first aid.

(B) Pediatric cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR).

(C) (i) A preventive health practices course or courses that include instruction in the recognition, management, and prevention of infectious diseases, including immunizations, prevention of childhood injuries, and, for licenses issued on and after July 1, 2020, instruction in the prevention of lead exposure that is consistent with the most recent State Department of Public Health's training curriculum on childcare lead poisoning prevention.

(ii) For licenses issued on or after January 1, 2016, at least one director or teacher at each day care center, and each family day care home licensee who provides care, shall have at least one hour of childhood nutrition training as part of the preventive health practices course or courses.

(3) The training may include instruction in sanitary food handling, emergency preparedness and evacuation, and caring for children with special needs.

(4) (A) (i) On and after January 1, 2026, persons described in paragraph (1) of subdivision (a) shall obtain training in a pediatric first aid or pediatric CPR course that includes instruction in the prevention and treatment of anaphylaxis, including the emergency use of epinephrine auto-injectors, subject to the requirements of Section 1797.197a.

(ii) Persons who, on or before December 31, 2025, have completed a course or courses in pediatric first aid and pediatric CPR that did not include instruction in the prevention and treatment of anaphylaxis, including the emergency use of epinephrine auto-injectors, shall comply with clause (i) for the next renewal period.

(iii) (I) It is the intent of the Legislature that the training required by this section will be adopted into the existing training requirements for a child day care facility and will not require additional hours.

(II) Notwithstanding the provisions in subclause (I) of this clause and clauses (i) and (ii) of this subparagraph, in the event any additional training hours are required by these provisions, reimbursement of a family child care provider, as defined in Section 10421 of the Welfare and Institutions Code, for any additional training hours shall be determined pursuant to the procedures set forth in Chapter 25 (commencing with Section 10420) of Part 1.8 of Division 9 of the Welfare and Institutions Code.

(B) On and after January 1, 2028, a pediatric first aid and pediatric CPR training course shall include instruction in the prevention and treatment of anaphylaxis, including the emergency use of epinephrine auto-injectors, subject to the requirements of Section 1797.197a.

(b) Day care center directors and licensees of family day care homes shall ensure that at least one staff member who has a current course completion card in pediatric first aid and pediatric CPR issued by the American Red Cross, the American Heart Association, or by a training program that has been approved by the Emergency Medical Services Authority pursuant to this section and Section 1797.191 shall be onsite at all times when children are present at the facility, and shall be present with the children when children are offsite from the facility for facility activities. Nothing in this subdivision shall be construed to require, in the event of an emergency, additional staff members, who are onsite when children are present at the facility, to have a current course completion card in pediatric first aid and pediatric CPR.

(c) (1) The completion of health and safety training by all personnel and licensees described in subdivision (a) shall be a condition of licensure.

(2) Training in pediatric first aid and pediatric CPR by persons described in subdivisions (a) and (b) shall be current at all times. Training in preventive health practices, as described in subparagraph (C) of paragraph (2) of subdivision (a), is a one-time only requirement for persons described in subdivision (a).

(3) The department shall issue a provisional license for otherwise qualified applicants who are not in compliance with this section. This provisional license shall expire 90 days after the date of issuance and shall not be extended.

(4) A notice of deficiency shall be issued by the department at the time of a site visit to a licensee who is not in compliance with this section. The licensee shall, at the time the notice is issued, develop a plan of correction to correct the deficiency within 90 days of receiving the notice. The facility's license may be revoked if it fails to correct the deficiency within the 90-day period. Section 1596.890 shall not apply to this paragraph.

(d) Completion of the training required pursuant to subdivisions (a) and (b) shall be demonstrated, upon request of the licensing agency, by the following:

(1) Current pediatric first aid and pediatric CPR course completion cards issued by the American Red Cross, the American Heart Association, or by a training program approved by the Emergency Medical Services Authority pursuant to Section 1797.191.

(2) (A) A course completion card for a preventive health practices course or courses, as described in subparagraph (C) of paragraph (2) of subdivision (a), issued by a training program approved by the Emergency Medical Services Authority pursuant to Section 1797.191.

(B) Persons who, before September 21, 1998, have completed a course or courses in preventive health practices, as described in clause (i) of subparagraph (C) of paragraph (2) of subdivision (a), and have a certificate of completion of a course or courses in preventive health practices, or certified copies of transcripts that identify the number of hours and the specific course or courses taken for training in preventive health practices, shall be deemed to have met the training in preventive health practices.

(3) In addition to training programs specified in paragraphs (1) and (2), training programs or courses in pediatric first aid, pediatric CPR, and preventive health practices offered or approved by an accredited college or university are considered approved sources of training that may be used to satisfy the training requirements of paragraph (2) of subdivision (a). Completion of this training shall be demonstrated to the licensing agency by a certificate of course completion, course completion cards, or certified copies of

transcripts that identify the number of hours and the specified course or courses taken for the training, as defined in paragraph (2) of subdivision (a).

(e) The training required under subdivision (a) shall not be provided by a home study course. This training may be provided through in-service training, workshops, or classes. This subdivision shall not be interpreted to prohibit approved online courses in pediatric first aid or preventive health practices.

(f) All personnel and licensees described in subdivisions (a) and (b) shall maintain current course completion cards for pediatric first aid and pediatric CPR issued by the American Red Cross, the American Heart Association, or by a training program approved by the Emergency Medical Services Authority pursuant to Section 1797.191, or shall have current certification in pediatric first aid and pediatric CPR from an accredited college or university in accordance with paragraph (3) of subdivision (d).

(g) The department shall have the authority to grant exceptions to the requirements imposed by this section in order to meet the requirements of the federal Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. Sec. 12101 et seq.).

(h) The department shall adopt regulations to implement this section. Notwithstanding the rulemaking provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act (Chapter 3.5 (commencing with Section 11340) of Part 1 of Division 3 of Title 2 of the Government Code), the department may implement and administer the changes made by this section through letters or similar written instructions that shall have the same force and effect as regulations until regulations are adopted.

(Amended by Stats. 2024, Ch. 563, Sec. 2. (AB 2317) Effective January 1, 2025.)

1596.8661. (a) For purposes of the training required pursuant to paragraph (4) of subdivision (a) of Section 1596.798, pediatric first aid training pursuant to Section 1596.866 shall include a component of training in the administration of inhaled medication described in paragraph (4) of subdivision (a) of Section 1596.798.

(b) The Emergency Medical Services Authority shall establish, consistent with Section 1797.191, minimum standards for a component of pediatric first aid training that satisfies the requirements of paragraph (4) of subdivision (a) of Section 1596.798. For purposes of this subdivision, the Emergency Medical Services Authority is encouraged to consult with organizations and providers with expertise in administering inhaled medication and nebulizer care, including, but not limited to, the American Lung Association, respiratory therapists, and others.

(c) For purposes of the training required pursuant to clause (ii) of subparagraph (C) of paragraph (2) of subdivision (a) of Section 1596.866, instruction in childhood nutrition shall be at least one hour in length and shall include content on age-appropriate meal patterns based on the most current Dietary Guidelines for Americans. In order to increase childcare providers' capacity to serve healthy foods at a lower cost, the training shall contain information about reimbursement rates for the United States Department of Agriculture's Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) (7 C.F.R. 226.20), and shall direct childcare providers to the CACFP Unit of the Nutrition Services Division of the department for detailed information on CACFP eligibility and enrollment.

(d) Notwithstanding the rulemaking provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act (Chapter 3.5 (commencing with Section 11340) of Part 1 of Division 3 of Title 2 of the Government Code), the Emergency Medical Services Authority may, through bulletin or similar instructions from the director until regulations are adopted, establish standards for the training in childhood nutrition required pursuant to clause (ii) of subparagraph (C) of paragraph (2) of subdivision (a) of Section 1596.866 and for the training in lead poisoning required pursuant to clause (i) of subparagraph (C) of paragraph (2) of subdivision (a) of Section 1596.866.

(Amended by Stats. 2021, Ch. 116, Sec. 250. (AB 131) Effective July 23, 2021.)

1596.8662. (a) The department shall do all of the following:

(1) Make information available to all licensed child day care providers, administrators, and employees of licensed child day care facilities regarding detecting and reporting child abuse and neglect.

(2) Provide training including statewide guidance on the responsibilities of a mandated reporter who is a licensed day care provider or an applicant for that license, administrator, or employee of a licensed child day care facility in accordance with the Child Abuse and Neglect Reporting Act (Article 2.5 (commencing with Section 11164) of Chapter 2 of Title 1 of Part 4 of the Penal Code). The department shall provide the guidance using its free module or modules provided on the State Department of Social Services Internet Web site or as otherwise specified by the department. This guidance content shall include, but is not necessarily limited to, all of the following:

(A) Information on the identification of child abuse and neglect, including behavioral signs of abuse and neglect.

(B) Reporting requirements for child abuse and neglect, including guidelines on how to make a suspected child abuse report when suspected abuse or neglect takes place outside a child day care facility, or within a child day care facility, and to which enforcement agency or agencies a report is required to be made.

(C) Information that failure to report an incident of known or reasonably suspected child abuse or neglect, as required by Section 11166 of the Penal Code, is a misdemeanor punishable by up to six months confinement in a county jail, or by a fine of one thousand dollars (\$1,000), or by both that imprisonment and fine.

(D) Information that mandated reporting duties are individual and no supervisor or administrator may impede or inhibit reporting duties, and no person making a report shall be subject to any sanction for making the report, pursuant to paragraph (1) of subdivision (i) of Section 11166 of the Penal Code. A supervisor or administrator who impedes or inhibits the duties of a mandated reporter shall be subject to punishment pursuant to Section 11166.01 of the Penal Code.

(E) Information on childhood stages of development in order to help distinguish whether a child's behavior or physical symptoms are within range for his or her age and ability, or are signs of abuse or neglect.

(3) The department shall provide training, including information about child safety and maltreatment prevention using its free training module or modules specified in paragraph (2), or as otherwise specified by the department. This information shall include, but is not necessarily limited to, all of the following:

(A) Information on protective factors that may help prevent abuse, including dangers of shaking a child, safe sleep practices, psychological effects of repeated exposure to domestic violence, safe and age-appropriate forms of discipline, how to promote a child's social and emotional health, and how to support positive parent-child relationships.

(B) Information on recognizing risk factors that may lead to abuse, such as stress and social isolation, and available resources to which a family may be referred to help prevent child abuse and neglect.

(C) When to call for emergency medical attention to prevent further injury or death.

(D) Information on how a licensed child day care provider, administrator, or employee of a licensed child day care facility might communicate with a family before and after making a suspected child abuse report.

(4) The department shall comply with the Dymally-Alatorre Bilingual Services Act of 1973 (Chapter 17.5 (commencing with Section 7290) of the Government Code), which includes, among alternative communication options, providing the same type of training materials in any non-English language spoken by a substantial number of members of the public whom the department serves.

(b) (1) On or before March 30, 2018, a person who, on January 1, 2018, is a licensed child day care provider, administrator, or employee of a licensed child day care facility shall complete the mandated reporter training provided pursuant to paragraphs (2) and (3) of subdivision (a), and shall complete renewal mandated reporter training every two years following the date on which he or she completed the initial mandated reporter training.

(2) On and after January 1, 2018, a person who applies for a license to be a provider of a child day care facility shall complete the mandated reporter training provided pursuant to paragraphs (2) and (3) of subdivision (a) as a precondition to licensure and shall complete renewal mandated reporter training every two years following the date on which he or she completed the initial mandated reporter training.

(3) On and after January 1, 2018, a person who becomes an administrator or employee of a licensed child day care facility shall complete the mandated reporter training provided pursuant to paragraphs (2) and (3) of subdivision (a) within the first 90 days that he or she is employed at the facility and shall complete renewal mandated reporter training every two years following the date on which he or she completed the initial mandated reporter training.

(4) The licensee of a licensed child day care facility shall obtain proof from an administrator or employee of the facility that the person has completed mandated reporter training in compliance with this subdivision.

(5) A licensed child day care provider, administrator, or employee of a licensed child day care facility who does not use the online training module provided by the department shall report to, and obtain approval from, the department regarding the training that person shall use in lieu of the online training module.

(c) Current proof of completion for each licensed child day care provider or applicant for that license, administrator, and employee of a licensed child day care facility shall be submitted to the department upon inspection of the child day care or upon request by the department.

(d) (1) The department shall issue a notice of deficiency at the time of a site visit to the licensee of a licensed child day care facility who is not in compliance with this section. The licensee shall, at the time the department issues the notice of deficiency, develop a plan to correct the deficiency within 45 days.

(2) A deficiency under this subdivision is not subject to Section 1596.890.

(e) A licensed child day care provider or applicant for that license, an administrator, or employee of a licensed child care facility is exempt from the detecting and reporting child abuse training if he or she has limited English proficiency and training is not made

available in his or her primary language.

(f) This section shall become operative on January 1, 2018.

(Amended by Stats. 2016, Ch. 86, Sec. 180. (SB 1171) Effective January 1, 2017.)

1596.867. (a) All child day care facilities, as defined in Section 1596.750, shall include an Earthquake Preparedness Checklist as an attachment to the disaster plan prescribed by Section 1596.95 or 1597.54. However, the Earthquake Preparedness Checklist shall not be considered a requirement for obtaining or maintaining a license for a child day care center or family day care home. The Earthquake Preparedness Checklist shall be made accessible to the public at the child day care center, or family day care home. The licensing agency shall not monitor or be responsible for enforcing any provision contained in the Earthquake Preparedness Checklist or ensuring that the checklist is made accessible to the public.

(b) The Earthquake Preparedness Checklist shall not exceed two typewritten pages and the department may add to or delete from the list, as it deems appropriate. The checklist may include, but not be limited to, all of the procedures that are listed in the following proposed Earthquake Preparedness Checklist. A licensee of a child day care center or family day care home shall have the option of selecting from the checklist the procedures, if any, the licensee chooses to use in the child day care center or family day care home.

Earthquake Preparedness Checklist (EPC)*	
Eliminate potential hazards in classrooms and throughout the site:	
	Bolt bookcases in high traffic areas securely to wall studs
	Move heavy books and items from high to low shelves
	Secure and latch filing cabinets
	Secure cabinets in high traffic areas with child safety latches
	Secure aquariums, computers, typewriters, TV-VCR equipment to surfaces, such as by using Velcro tabs
	Make provisions for securing rolling portable items such as TV-VCRs, pianos, refrigerators
	Move children's activities and play areas away from windows, or protect windows with blinds or adhesive plastic sheeting
	Secure water heater to wall using plumber's tape
	Assess and determine possible escape routes
Establish a coordinated response plan involving all of the following:	
Involving children:	
	Teach children about earthquakes and what to do (see resource list below)
	Practice "duck, cover, and hold" earthquake drills under tables or desks no less than 4 times a year
Involving parents:	
	Post, or make available to parents, copies of the school earthquake safety plan (including procedures for reuniting parents or alternate guardians with children, location of planned evacuation site, method for leaving messages and communicating)

	Enlist parent and community resource assistance in securing emergency supplies or safeguarding the child day care site:
_____	store a 3-day supply of nonperishable food (including juice, canned food items, snacks, and infant formula)
_____	store a 3-day supply of water and juice
_____	store food and water in an accessible location, such as portable plastic storage containers
_____	store other emergency supplies such as flashlights, a radio with extra batteries, heavy gloves, trash bags, and tools
_____	maintain a complete, up-to-date listing of children, emergency numbers, and contact people for each classroom stored with emergency supplies
Involving child day care personnel and local emergency agencies:	
	Identify and assign individual responsibilities for staff following an earthquake (including accounting for and evacuating children, injury control, damage assessment)
	Involve and train all staff members about the earthquake safety plan, including location and procedure for turning off utilities and gas
	Contact nearby agencies (including police, fire, Red Cross, and local government) for information and materials in developing the child day care center earthquake safety plan
*For more free resources contact:	
(1) Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) (2) Office of Emergency Services (3) Red Cross	

(c) Nothing in this section shall be construed to prevent the adoption or enforcement of earthquake safety standards for child day care facilities by local ordinance.

(d) Nothing in this section shall be construed to prevent the department from adopting or enforcing regulations on earthquake safety or making earthquake safety drills mandatory.

(Amended by Stats. 2013, Ch. 352, Sec. 331. (AB 1317) Effective September 26, 2013. Operative July 1, 2013, by Sec. 543 of Ch. 352.)

1596.869. Directors of combination child day care facilities shall be included in the teacher-child ratio during periods when they are actively supervising children and on the same basis that any other director of a day care center may be included in the teacher-child ratio.

(Repealed and added by Stats. 1991, Ch. 867, Sec. 5.)

1596.87. (a) The department shall institute a staff development and training program within the organizational structure to develop among staff the knowledge, understanding of children and childcare, and regulatory administration necessary to successfully carry out this act. Specifically, the department shall do all of the following:

- (1) Provide staff with 36 hours of training per year that reflect the unique needs of children. The training shall include training relating to regulation administration, including communication skills, writing skills, and human relations skills.

(2) Find ways to encourage applications from individuals with childcare provider experience or educational backgrounds applicable to the provision of childcare.

(3) Provide new staff with comprehensive training within the first six months of employment. This training shall, at a minimum, include the following core areas: administrative action process, client populations, conducting facility visits, cultural awareness, documentation skills, facility operations, human relation skills, interviewing techniques, investigation processes, and regulation administration.

(4) This program shall also provide new staff who have earned fewer than 16 semester units in child development or early childhood education from an accredited college at least 40 hours of preservice training in child development or early childhood education.

(b) Submit for approval to the advisory committee established in Section 10320 of the Welfare and Institutions Code a plan for meeting the provisions of paragraphs (1) and (3) of subdivision (a).

(Amended by Stats. 2021, Ch. 116, Sec. 251. (AB 131) Effective July 23, 2021.)

1596.871. The Legislature recognizes the need to generate timely and accurate positive fingerprint identification of applicants as a condition of issuing licenses, permits, or certificates of approval for persons to operate or provide direct care services in a childcare center or family childcare home. It is the intent of the Legislature in enacting this section to require the fingerprints of those individuals whose contact with child day care facility clients may pose a risk to the children's health and safety. An individual shall be required to obtain either a criminal record clearance or a criminal record exemption from the State Department of Social Services before the individual's initial presence in a child day care facility.

(a) (1) Before and, as applicable, subsequent to issuing a license or special permit to any person to operate or manage a day care facility, the department shall secure from an appropriate law enforcement agency a criminal record to determine whether the applicant or any other person specified in subdivision (b) has ever been convicted of a crime other than an infraction or arrested for any crime specified in subdivision (c) of Section 290 of the Penal Code, or for violating Section 245, 273ab, or 273.5, subdivision (b) of Section 273a, or, prior to January 1, 1994, paragraph (2) of Section 273a, of the Penal Code, or for any crime for which the department is prohibited from granting a criminal record exemption pursuant to subdivision (f).

(2) The criminal history information shall include the full criminal record, if any, of those persons, and subsequent arrest information pursuant to Section 11105.2 of the Penal Code.

(3) The following shall apply to the criminal record information:

(A) If the State Department of Social Services finds that the applicant or any other person specified in subdivision (b) has been convicted of a crime, other than an infraction, the application shall be denied, unless the director grants an exemption pursuant to subdivision (f) of this section or Section 1522.7.

(B) If the State Department of Social Services finds that the applicant, or any other person specified in subdivision (b), is awaiting trial for a crime other than an infraction, the State Department of Social Services may cease processing the criminal record information until the conclusion of the trial.

(C) If no criminal record information has been recorded, the Department of Justice shall provide the applicant and the State Department of Social Services with a statement of that fact.

(D) If the State Department of Social Services finds after licensure that the licensee, or any other person specified in paragraph (2) of subdivision (b), has been convicted of a crime other than an infraction, the license may be revoked, unless the director grants an exemption pursuant to subdivision (f).

(E) An applicant and any other person specified in subdivision (b) shall submit fingerprint images and related information to the Department of Justice and the Federal Bureau of Investigation, through the Department of Justice, for a state and federal level criminal offender record information search, in addition to the search required by subdivision (a). If, after licensure, the department determines that the licensee or person specified in subdivision (b) has a criminal record, the license may be revoked pursuant to Section 1596.885. The department may also suspend the license pending an administrative hearing pursuant to Section 1596.886.

(b) (1) In addition to the applicant, this section shall be applicable to criminal record clearances and exemptions for the following persons:

(A) Adults responsible for administration or direct supervision of staff.

(B) Any person, other than a child, residing in the facility.

(C) Any person who provides care and supervision to the children.

(D) Any staff person, volunteer, or employee who has contact with the children.

(i) A volunteer providing time-limited specialized services shall be exempt from the requirements of this subdivision if this person is directly supervised by the licensee or a facility employee with a criminal record clearance or exemption, the volunteer spends no more than 16 hours per week at the facility, and the volunteer is not left alone with children in care.

(ii) A student enrolled or participating at an accredited educational institution shall be exempt from the requirements of this subdivision if the student is directly supervised by the licensee or a facility employee with a criminal record clearance or exemption, the facility has an agreement with the educational institution concerning the placement of the student, the student spends no more than 16 hours per week at the facility, and the student is not left alone with children in care.

(iii) A volunteer who is a relative, legal guardian, or foster parent of a client in the facility shall be exempt from the requirements of this subdivision.

(iv) A contracted repair person retained by the facility, if not left alone with children in care, shall be exempt from the requirements of this subdivision.

(v) Any person similar to those described in this subdivision, as defined by the department in regulations.

(E) If the applicant is a firm, partnership, association, or corporation, the chief executive officer, other person serving in like capacity, or a person designated by the chief executive officer as responsible for the operation of the facility, as designated by the applicant agency.

(F) If the applicant is a local educational agency, the president of the governing board, the school district superintendent, or a person designated to administer the operation of the facility, as designated by the local educational agency.

(G) Additional officers of the governing body of the applicant, or other persons with a financial interest in the applicant, as determined necessary by the department by regulation. The criteria used in the development of these regulations shall be based on the person's capability to exercise substantial influence over the operation of the facility.

(H) This section does not apply to employees of childcare and development programs under contract with the State Department of Education who have completed a criminal record clearance as part of an application to the Commission on Teacher Credentialing, and who possess a current credential or permit issued by the commission, including employees of childcare and development programs that serve both children subsidized under, and children not subsidized under, a State Department of Education contract. The Commission on Teacher Credentialing shall notify the department upon revocation of a current credential or permit issued to an employee of a childcare and development program under contract with the State Department of Education.

(I) This section does not apply to employees of a childcare and development program operated by a school district, county office of education, or community college district under contract with the State Department of Education who have completed a criminal record clearance as a condition of employment. The school district, county office of education, or community college district upon receiving information that the status of an employee's criminal record clearance has changed shall submit that information to the department.

(2) Nothing in this subdivision shall prevent a licensee from requiring a criminal record clearance of any individuals exempt from the requirements under this subdivision.

(c) (1) (A) Subsequent to initial licensure, a person specified in subdivision (b) who is not exempt from fingerprinting shall obtain either a criminal record clearance or an exemption from disqualification, pursuant to subdivision (f) of this section or Section 1522.7, from the State Department of Social Services prior to employment, residence, or initial presence in the facility. A person specified in subdivision (b) who is not exempt from fingerprinting shall be fingerprinted. The licensee shall submit fingerprint images and related information to the Department of Justice and the Federal Bureau of Investigation, through the Department of Justice, or comply with paragraph (1) of subdivision (h), prior to the person's employment, residence, or initial presence in the child day care facility. The department shall not require the person to disclose their criminal history information prior to receipt of live scan results.

(B) These fingerprint images and related information shall be electronically submitted to the Department of Justice in a manner approved by the State Department of Social Services and the Department of Justice for the purpose of obtaining a permanent set of fingerprints. A licensee's failure to submit fingerprint images and related information to the Department of Justice or to comply with paragraph (1) of subdivision (h), as required in this section, shall result in the citation of a deficiency, and an immediate assessment of civil penalties in the amount of one hundred dollars (\$100) per violation per day for a maximum of

five days, unless the violation is a second or subsequent violation within a 12-month period in which case the civil penalties shall be in the amount of one hundred dollars (\$100) per violation for a maximum of 30 days, and shall be grounds for disciplining the licensee pursuant to Section 1596.885 or 1596.886. The State Department of Social Services may assess civil penalties for repeated or continued violations permitted by Sections 1596.99 and 1597.58. The fingerprint images and related information shall then be submitted to the department for processing. Within 14 calendar days of the receipt of the fingerprint images, the Department of Justice shall notify the State Department of Social Services of the criminal record information, as provided in this subdivision. If no criminal record information has been recorded, the Department of Justice shall provide the licensee and the State Department of Social Services with a statement of that fact within 14 calendar days of receipt of the fingerprint images. If new fingerprint images are required for processing, the Department of Justice shall, within 14 calendar days from the date of receipt of the fingerprint images, notify the licensee that the fingerprints were illegible.

(C) Documentation of the individual's clearance or exemption shall be maintained by the licensee, and shall be available for inspection. When live-scan technology is operational, as defined in Section 1522.04, the Department of Justice shall notify the department, as required by that section, and notify the licensee by mail within 14 days of electronic transmission of the fingerprints to the Department of Justice, if the person has no criminal record. Any violation of the regulations adopted pursuant to Section 1522.04 shall result in the citation of a deficiency and an immediate assessment of civil penalties in the amount of one hundred dollars (\$100) per violation per day for a maximum of five days, unless the violation is a second or subsequent violation within a 12-month period in which case the civil penalties shall be in the amount of one hundred dollars (\$100) per violation for a maximum of 30 days, and shall be grounds for disciplining the licensee pursuant to Section 1596.885 or 1596.886. The department may assess civil penalties for repeated or continued violations, as permitted by Sections 1596.99 and 1597.58.

(2) Except for persons specified in paragraph (2) of subdivision (b), the licensee shall endeavor to ascertain the previous employment history of persons required to be fingerprinted under this subdivision. If it is determined by the department, on the basis of fingerprints submitted to the Department of Justice, that the person has been convicted of a sex offense against a minor, an offense specified in Section 243.4, 273a, 273ab, 273d, 273g, or 368 of the Penal Code, or a felony, the State Department of Social Services shall notify the licensee to act immediately to terminate the person's employment, remove the person from the child day care facility, or bar the person from entering the child day care facility. The department may subsequently grant an exemption pursuant to subdivision (f). If the conviction was for another crime except an infraction, the licensee shall, upon notification by the State Department of Social Services, act immediately to either (1) terminate the person's employment, remove the person from the child day care facility, or bar the person from entering the child day care facility; or (2) seek an exemption pursuant to subdivision (f). The department shall determine if the person shall be allowed to remain in the facility until a decision on the exemption is rendered. A licensee's failure to comply with the department's prohibition of employment, contact with clients, or presence in the facility as required by this paragraph shall result in a citation of deficiency and an immediate assessment of civil penalties by the department against the licensee, in the amount of one hundred dollars (\$100) per violation per day for a maximum of five days, unless the violation is a second or subsequent violation within a 12-month period in which case the civil penalties shall be in the amount of one hundred dollars (\$100) per violation for a maximum of 30 days, and shall be grounds for disciplining the licensee pursuant to Section 1596.885 or 1596.886.

(3) The department may issue an exemption on its own motion pursuant to subdivision (f) if the person's criminal history indicates that the person is of good character based on the age, seriousness, and frequency of the conviction or convictions. The department, in consultation with interested parties, shall develop regulations to establish the criteria to grant an exemption pursuant to this paragraph.

(4) Concurrently with notifying the licensee pursuant to paragraph (3), the department shall notify the affected individual of the right to seek an exemption pursuant to subdivision (f). The individual may seek an exemption only if the licensee terminates the person's employment or removes the person from the facility after receiving notice from the department pursuant to paragraph (3).

(d) (1) For purposes of this section or any other provision of this chapter, a conviction means a plea or verdict of guilty or a conviction following a plea of nolo contendere. Any action that the department is permitted to take following the establishment of a conviction may be taken when the time for appeal has elapsed, when the judgment of conviction has been affirmed on appeal, or when an order granting probation is made suspending the imposition of sentence, notwithstanding a subsequent order pursuant to Sections 1203.4 and 1203.4a of the Penal Code permitting the person to withdraw a plea of guilty and to enter a plea of not guilty, or setting aside the verdict of guilty, or dismissing the accusation, information, or indictment. For purposes of this section or any other provision of this chapter, the record of a conviction, or a copy thereof certified by the clerk of the court or by a judge of the court in which the conviction occurred, shall be conclusive evidence of the conviction. For purposes of this section or any other provision of this chapter, the arrest disposition report certified by the Department of Justice, or documents admissible in a criminal action pursuant to Section 969b of the Penal Code, shall be prima facie evidence of conviction, notwithstanding any other law prohibiting the admission of these documents in a civil or administrative action.

(2) For purposes of this section or any other provision of this chapter, the department shall consider criminal convictions from another state or federal court as if the criminal offense was committed in this state.

(e) (1) The State Department of Social Services shall not use a record of arrest to deny, revoke, or terminate any application, license, employment, or residence unless the department investigates the incident and secures evidence, whether or not related to the incident of arrest, that is admissible in an administrative hearing to establish conduct by the person that may pose a risk to the health and safety of any person who is or may become a client.

(2) The department shall not issue a criminal record clearance to a person who has been arrested for any crime specified in Section 290 of the Penal Code, or for violating Section 245, 273ab, or 273.5, or subdivision (b) of Section 273a of the Penal Code, or, prior to January 1, 1994, paragraph (2) of Section 273a of the Penal Code, or for any crime for which the department is prohibited from granting a criminal record exemption pursuant to subdivision (f), prior to the department's completion of an investigation pursuant to paragraph (1).

(3) The State Department of Social Services is authorized to obtain any arrest or conviction records or reports from any law enforcement agency as necessary to the performance of its duties to inspect, license, and investigate community care facilities and individuals associated with a community care facility.

(f) (1) After review of the record, the director may grant an exemption from disqualification for a license or special permit as specified in paragraphs (1) and (4) of subdivision (a), or for employment, residence, or presence in a child day care facility as specified in paragraphs (3), (4), and (5) of subdivision (c) if the director has substantial and convincing evidence to support a reasonable belief that the applicant and the person convicted of the crime, if other than the applicant, are of good character so as to justify issuance of the license or special permit or granting an exemption for purposes of subdivision (c). However, an exemption shall not be granted pursuant to this subdivision if the conviction was for any of the following offenses:

(A) An offense specified in Section 220, 243.4, or 264.1, subdivision (a) of Section 273a, or, prior to January 1, 1994, paragraph (1) of Section 273a, Section 273ab, 273d, 288, or 289, subdivision (c) of Section 290, or Section 368, of the Penal Code, or was a conviction of another crime against an individual specified in subdivision (c) of Section 667.5 of the Penal Code.

(B) A felony offense specified in Section 729 of the Business and Professions Code or Section 206 or 215, subdivision (a) of Section 347, subdivision (b) of Section 417, or subdivision (a) or (b) of Section 451 of the Penal Code.

(2) The department shall not prohibit a person from being employed or having contact with clients in a facility on the basis of a denied criminal record exemption request or arrest information unless the department complies with the requirements of Section 1596.8897.

(g) Upon request of the licensee, who shall enclose a self-addressed stamped postcard for this purpose, the Department of Justice shall verify receipt of the fingerprint images.

(h) (1) For the purposes of compliance with this section, the department may permit an individual to transfer a current criminal record clearance, as defined in subdivision (a), from one facility to another, as long as the criminal record clearance has been processed through a state licensing district office, and is being transferred to another facility licensed by a state licensing district office. The request shall be submitted to the department on a form provided by the department or submitted via the department's secure online portal. Upon request of the licensee, who shall verify the individual's identity, the department shall verify whether the individual has a clearance that can be transferred.

(2) The State Department of Social Services shall hold criminal record clearances in its active files for a minimum of two years after an employee is no longer employed at a licensed facility in order for the criminal record clearances to be transferred.

(3) The following shall apply to a criminal record clearance or exemption from the department or a county office with department-delegated licensing authority:

(A) A county office with department-delegated licensing authority may accept a clearance or exemption from the department.

(B) The department may accept a clearance or exemption from any county office with department-delegated licensing authority.

(C) A county office with department-delegated licensing authority may accept a clearance or exemption from any other county office with department-delegated licensing authority.

(4) With respect to notifications issued by the Department of Justice pursuant to Section 11105.2 of the Penal Code concerning an individual whose criminal record clearance was originally processed by the department or a county office with department-delegated licensing authority, all of the following shall apply:

(A) The Department of Justice shall process a request from the department or a county office with department-delegated licensing authority to receive the notice, only if all of the following conditions are met:

- (i) The request shall be submitted to the Department of Justice by the agency to be substituted to receive the notification.
- (ii) The request shall be for the same applicant type as the type for which the original clearance was obtained.
- (iii) The request shall contain all prescribed data elements and format protocols pursuant to a written agreement between the department and the Department of Justice.

(B) (i) On or before January 7, 2005, the department shall notify the Department of Justice of all county offices that have department-delegated licensing authority.

- (ii) The department shall notify the Department of Justice within 15 calendar days of the date on which a new county office receives department-delegated licensing authority or a county's delegated licensing authority is rescinded.

(C) The Department of Justice shall charge the department or a county office with department-delegated licensing authority a fee for each time a request to substitute the recipient agency is received for purposes of this paragraph. This fee shall not exceed the cost of providing the service.

(i) Notwithstanding any other law, the department may provide an individual with a copy of the individual's state or federal level criminal offender record information search response as provided to that department by the Department of Justice if the department has denied a criminal background clearance based on this information and the individual makes a written request to the department for a copy specifying an address to which it is to be sent. The state or federal level criminal offender record information search response shall not be modified or altered from its form or content as provided by the Department of Justice and shall be provided to the address specified by the individual in the individual's written request. The department shall retain a copy of the individual's written request and the response and date provided.

(j) The State Department of Social Services may charge a reasonable fee for the costs of processing electronic fingerprint images and related information.

(Amended by Stats. 2022, Ch. 614, Sec. 4.5. (SB 1093) Effective January 1, 2023.)

1596.8712. (a) (1) Whenever an individual is excluded by the department from a licensed family day care home, the department shall prepare and provide to the licensed family day care home from which the individual was excluded, within 45 days, an addendum to the notification of parents' rights form required by Section 102419 of Title 22 of the California Code of Regulations, clearly identifying the name or names of any individual or individuals who have been excluded from the licensed family day care home. The addendum shall also identify the existence and location of a public file maintained by the department explaining the reason for the exclusion.

(2) The department shall revise the addendum if the excluded individual is reinstated by the department pursuant to Section 11522 of the Government Code.

(b) (1) Immediately upon receipt of an addendum from the department, the licensee shall provide the parent or guardian of each child under the licensee's care or supervision with a copy of the addendum identifying the excluded individual or individuals. The licensee shall also obtain the signature of the parent or guardian indicating that the parent or guardian has received a copy of the addendum. A signed copy of the addendum shall be provided to the parent or guardian, and the original signed addendum shall be retained by the licensed day care home provider, and provided to the department during the regular inspection of the home, or at any time upon the request of the department.

(2) This section shall apply to all children currently under the licensee's care or supervision, and to all children who come under the licensee's care or supervision after the implementation of this section.

(c) During its regular inspection of all licensed family day care homes where an individual or individuals have been excluded, the department shall verify that the licensee has obtained a signature from the parent or guardian of each child under the licensee's care or supervision indicating that the parent or guardian has been provided with the addendum identifying the excluded individual or individuals. The department may also request the signed addenda from the licensee at any time.

(d) A licensee shall be assessed an immediate civil penalty of one hundred dollars (\$100) per violation, for failure to do any of the following:

- (1) Provide a copy of the addendum to a parent or guardian of any child under the provider's care or supervision.
- (2) Obtain a parent or guardian's signature indicating he or she has been provided with the addendum.
- (3) Provide signed addenda to the department, when requested for all children under the provider's care.

(e) Failure to comply with this section shall constitute grounds for disciplining the licensee pursuant to Section 1596.885 or Section 1596.886.

(f) This section shall apply to any family day care home from which an individual is excluded after January 1, 2001.

(g) The department shall promulgate regulations and policies, as necessary, to implement the provisions of this section by January 1, 2002.

(Added by Stats. 2000, Ch. 549, Sec. 2. Effective January 1, 2001.)

1596.8713. (a) The Department of Justice may charge a fee sufficient to cover its costs in providing services in accordance with Section 1596.871 to comply with the 14-day requirement for provision to the department of the criminal record information, as contained in subdivision (c) of Section 1596.871.

(b) (1) Between July 1, 2000, and July 1, 2001, no fee shall be charged by the Department of Justice or the State Department of Social Services for any costs associated with obtaining a California or Federal Bureau of Investigation criminal record or for conducting a child abuse index check, of a volunteer at a child care facility who is required to be fingerprinted pursuant to subdivision (b) of Section 1596.871, provided that the exemption does not cause an increase in fees for other providers.

(2) On or after July 1, 2001, no fee shall be charged for the purposes specified in paragraph (1) if funds for those purposes are appropriated in the annual Budget Act and the exemption does not cause an increase in fees for other providers.

(3) For purposes of this subdivision, "volunteer" means a person who provides services at a child care facility and does not receive any payment of a salary or hourly wage in exchange for these services.

(Amended by Stats. 2000, Ch. 108, Sec. 12. Effective July 10, 2000.)

1596.8714. On or before March 1, 2000, the State Department of Social Services shall convene a workgroup to review current criminal background check requirements and processes for screening care providers. The workgroup shall study and make recommendations concerning improving the coordination of the different populations who are required to undergo multiple criminal background checks, methods to reduce the costs, and expedite the process of conducting criminal background checks. The workgroup shall include representatives from the various departments within the California Health and Human Services Agency, the Department of Justice, the Child Care Resource and Referral Network, and care provider organizations.

(Added by Stats. 1999, Ch. 934, Sec. 2. Effective January 1, 2000.)

1596.8715. If a licensee or facility is required by law to deny employment or to terminate employment of any employee based on written notification from the state department that the employee has a prior criminal conviction or is determined unsuitable for employment under Section 1596.8897, the licensee or facility shall not incur civil liability or unemployment insurance liability as a result of that denial or termination.

(Added by Stats. 1991, Ch. 888, Sec. 12.)

1596.8716. (a) For licensing purposes, employees of a childcare and development program operated by a school district, county office of education, or community college under contract with the department pursuant to Chapter 1 (commencing with Section 10200) of Part 1.7 of Division 9 of the Welfare and Institutions Code or with the State Department of Education pursuant to Chapter 2 (commencing with Section 8200) of Part 6 of Division 1 of Title 1 of the Education Code who have received a physical examination as a condition of employment with the district or office are not required to have a health screening as required by Section 101216 of Title 22 of the California Code of Regulations.

(b) For licensing purposes, a school principal of a public school that operates a childcare and development program under contract with the State Department of Education pursuant to Article 2 (commencing with Section 8207) of Chapter 2 of Part 6 of Division 1 of Title 1 of the Education Code shall be deemed qualified to be a childcare center director pursuant to Section 101315 of Title 22 of the California Code of Regulations only when the program is located on the campus of an operating public school, with staff who are employees of the public school.

(Amended by Stats. 2021, Ch. 116, Sec. 252. (AB 131) Effective July 23, 2021.)

1596.872a. (a) The department may establish a child care advocate program. Each regional office, as well as the central office of the department, may have an advocate who has knowledge of state child care laws, regulations, and programs. The advocate's duties shall include, but not be limited to, all of the following:

(1) Providing information to the general public and parents on child care licensing standards and regulations.

(2) Serving as a liaison to local business, community, law enforcement, labor, and education groups, as well as child care providers and consumers, for the purpose of providing information about licensing standards and regulations.

(3) Disseminating information on the state's licensing role and activities, child care resource and referral agencies, and other child care programs.

(4) Acting as a liaison to child care resource and referral agencies to provide current information on licensing regulations, procedures, violations, revocations, and activities.

(5) Investigating and seeking to resolve complaints and concerns communicated on behalf of children served by a child day care facility. Complaints shall be handled in an objective manner to ascertain the pertinent facts. The ombudsman may refer any complaint to the appropriate state or local government agency.

(b) The advocate shall have access to child day care facilities and shall have the authority to speak with children and staff.

(c) The department shall report to the Legislature and the Governor, on December 31, 1985, and annually thereafter, the number of complaints resolved and referred and any related followup activities, and the number of facilities visited pursuant to subdivision (a).

(d) The department shall implement this section during periods that Section 1596.872b is not being implemented in accordance with Section 18285.5 of the Welfare and Institutions Code.

(Amended by Stats. 2004, Ch. 229, Sec. 10. Effective August 16, 2004.)

1596.872b. (a) The department may establish a child care advocate program. This program may have one child care advocate for each licensing district regional office providing child care licensing services. A chief child care advocate shall be responsible for operations of the program and shall report to the chief of the child care licensing branch.

Each child care advocate shall have knowledge of state child care laws, regulations, and programs. The child care advocate's duties shall include, but not be limited to, all of the following:

(1) Providing information to the general public and parents on child care licensing standards and regulations.

(2) Serving as a liaison to local business, community, law enforcement, labor, and education groups, as well as child care providers and consumers, for the purpose of providing information about licensing standards and regulations.

(3) Disseminating information on the state's licensing role and activities, child care resource and referral agencies, and other child care programs.

(4) Acting as a liaison to child care resource and referral agencies to provide current information on licensing regulations, procedures, violations, revocations, and activities.

(5) Evaluating and seeking to resolve complaints and concerns communicated on behalf of children served by a child day care facility. Complaints shall be handled in an objective manner to ascertain the pertinent facts. The child care advocate may refer any complaint to the appropriate state or local government agency.

(6) Seeking to mediate disputes between the department and child care licensees, where licensees allege misapplication of licensing regulations and have exercised any initial appeal rights as specified in Section 1596.842.

(b) The child care advocate shall have access to child day care facilities and shall have the authority to speak with children and staff.

(c) The department may implement this section only to the extent funds are available in accordance with Section 18285.5 of the Welfare and Institutions Code.

(Amended by Stats. 2004, Ch. 229, Sec. 11. Effective August 16, 2004.)

1596.873. The Early Childhood Policy Council established pursuant to Section 10320 of the Welfare and Institutions Code shall perform all of the following functions with regard to this act:

(a) Assist the department in developing and reviewing guidelines for the administration of this act.

(b) Review the implementation of this act.

(c) Advise the director regarding regulations, policy, and administrative practices pertaining to the licensing of child daycare facilities.

(Amended by Stats. 2021, Ch. 116, Sec. 253. (AB 131) Effective July 23, 2021.)

1596.874. (a) The State Department of Social Services shall furnish each licensed child day care facility with a notice that shall be posted at the facility where it can be easily seen by employees and consumers. The required notice shall contain information which does all of the following:

(1) Identifies the licensing agency and how licensing regulations may be obtained.

(2) Gives local telephone numbers where complaints may be made.

(3) Contains the nonretaliation provision in Section 1596.881.

(b) The licensee of the child day care facility shall make his or her copy of current licensing regulations available to employees and consumers.

(Amended by Stats. 1985, Ch. 1064, Sec. 20.)

1596.875. To assure compliance with this act, the department shall:

(a) Conduct ongoing in-service programs for licensing staff in cooperation with other public entities and local associations.

(b) Conduct an annual seminar for representatives of enforcement agencies, including, but not limited to, police officers, district attorneys, and judges.

(c) Work with the Department of Justice to assure that license revocations appear on criminal records.

(Added by renumbering Section 1597.64 by Stats. 1984, Ch. 1615, Sec. 23.)

1596.876. In any case in which a child day care facility releases a minor to a peace officer pursuant to Section 305 of the Welfare and Institutions Code, the official in charge of that facility shall provide the peace officer with the address and telephone number of the minor's parent or guardian in order to enable the peace officer to make the notification required by Section 308 of the Welfare and Institutions Code.

(Added by Stats. 1985, Ch. 811, Sec. 1.)

1596.877. (a) Prior to granting a license to, or otherwise approving, any family day care home, the department shall check the child abuse and neglect complaint records of the child protective services agency of the county in which the applicant has resided for the two years preceding the application.

(b) Prior to granting a license to or otherwise approving any individual to care for children in either a family day care home or a day care center, the department shall check the Child Abuse Registry pursuant to paragraph (3) of subdivision (b) of Section 11170 of the Penal Code. The Department of Justice shall maintain and continually update an index of reports of child abuse by providers and shall inform the department of subsequent reports received from the child abuse index pursuant to Section 11170 of the Penal Code and the criminal history.

(c) The department shall investigate any reports received from the Child Abuse Registry and investigate any information received from the county child protective services agency. However, child protective services agency information arising from a report designated as "unfounded," as defined pursuant to subdivision (a) of Section 11165.12 of the Penal Code, shall not be included in the investigation. The investigation shall include, but not be limited to, the review of the investigation report and file prepared by the child protective services agency that investigated the child abuse report. The department shall not deny a license based upon a report from the Child Abuse Registry or based on child abuse and neglect complaint records of the county child protective services agency unless child abuse is substantiated.

(d) On and after January 1, 1993, the department shall implement this section for records maintained by counties that have automated their child abuse and neglect complaint records on or before January 1, 1993. On and after July 1, 1993, the department shall implement this section for records maintained by all counties.

(Amended by Stats. 1998, Ch. 311, Sec. 46. Effective August 19, 1998.)

1596.878. The department shall establish, administer, and monitor programs which license child day care facilities consistent with the provisions of this act.

(Added by renumbering Section 1596.871 (as added by Stats. 1984, Ch. 1615, Sec. 12) by Stats. 1985, Ch. 1064, Sec. 17.)

1596.879. Immediately upon the denial of any application for a license or for a special permit, the department shall notify the applicant in writing. Within 15 days after the department mails the notice, the applicant may present his or her written petition for a hearing to the department. Upon receipt by the department of the petition, the petition shall be set for hearing. The hearing shall be conducted in accordance with Chapter 5 (commencing with Section 11500) of Part 1 of Division 3 of Title 2 of the Government Code, and the department has all the powers granted in that chapter.

(Added by Stats. 1985, Ch. 1064, Sec. 20.5.)