

House Bill 433 (AM)

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Chapter 1A of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the  
2 Office of School Readiness, so as to provide that each child-care learning center licensed by  
3 the Office of School Readiness shall be covered by liability insurance; to amend Code  
4 Section 49-5-12, of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to licensing and  
5 inspection of child welfare agencies and child care facilities, so as to provide that the owner  
6 of any day-care center, family day-care home, group day-care facility, or group day-care  
7 home shall be covered by liability insurance; to provide for denial of a license or registration  
8 for an uninsured owner; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

10 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 1.**

11 Chapter 1A of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Office  
12 of School Readiness, is amended by inserting at the end thereof a new Code Section 20-  
13 1A-8 to read as follows:

14 "The owner of any child-care learning center shall, at the time of being licensed by the  
15 Office of School Readiness or of renewing any such license, present evidence of a policy  
16 of liability insurance in the amount of at least \$100,000.00 for bodily injury and property  
17 damage issued by an insurer authorized to transact business in this state. Any owner who  
18 fails to present proof of liability insurance coverage as required under this Code section  
19 shall be denied a license by the office. Such evidence of liability insurance shall be  
20 ongoing and evaluated at least annually during the licensure period."

21 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 2.**

22 Code Section 49-5-12 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to licensing and  
23 inspection of child welfare agencies and child care facilities, is amended by inserting at the  
24 end thereof the following:

1     "(t) The owner of any day-care center, family day-care home, group day-care facility, or  
2     group day-care home shall, at the time of being licensed or registered by the department  
3     or of renewing any such license or registration, present evidence of a policy of liability  
4     insurance in the amount of at least \$25,000.00 for bodily injury and property damage  
5     issued by an insurer authorized to transact business in this state. Any owner who fails to  
6     present proof of liability insurance coverage as required under this subsection shall be  
7     denied a license or registration by the department. Such evidence of liability insurance shall  
8     be ongoing and evaluated at least annually during the licensure or registration period."

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**SECTION 3.**

10 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.