

Senate Bill 24

By: Senator Cheeks of the 23rd

AS PASSED

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 49-5-12 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
 2 licensing and inspection of child welfare agencies and child care facilities, standards,
 3 revocation or refusal of license, penalties, and violations, so as to provide that the
 4 Department of Human Resources recommend insurance coverage to the owner of any
 5 day-care center, family day-care home, group day-care facility, group day-care home, or
 6 child learning center; to provide that any such facility which is not covered by liability
 7 insurance shall post that fact in a conspicuous place in the facility; to provide for notice to
 8 the parent or guardian of each child under the care of the facility; to provide that each such
 9 parent or guardian must acknowledge receipt of such notice in writing and a copy of such
 10 acknowledgment shall be maintained on file at the facility; to provide a penalty; to repeal
 11 conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

12 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:**

13 **SECTION 1.**

14 Code Section 49-5-12 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to licensing and
 15 inspection of child welfare agencies and child care facilities, standards, revocation or refusal
 16 of license, penalties, and violations, is amended by inserting at the end thereof the following:
 17 "(t) The department shall recommend in writing to the owner of any facility operated as
 18 a day-care center, family day-care home, group day-care facility, or group day-care home
 19 or any child learning center licensed by the Office of School Readiness that such facility
 20 carry liability insurance coverage sufficient to protect the facility's clients. Any such
 21 facility which after receiving such recommendation is not covered by liability insurance
 22 shall post that fact in a conspicuous place in the facility and shall notify the parent or
 23 guardian of each child under the care of the facility in writing. Such notice shall be in at
 24 least one-half inch letters. Each such parent or guardian must acknowledge receipt of such
 25 notice in writing and a copy of such acknowledgment shall be maintained on file at the
 26 facility at all times while the child attends the facility and for 12 months after the child's

1 last date of attendance. Failure to do so may subject the owner of the facility to a civil fine
2 of \$1,000.00 for each such infraction."

3 **SECTION 2.**

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