

House Bill 984 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

By: Representatives Cox of the 102nd, Carter of the 175th, Jerguson of the 22nd, Sheldon of the 105th, and Coan of the 101st

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 1 of Chapter 5 of Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
2 relating to children and youth services, so as to revise definitions and add a new definition
3 relating to children's transition care centers; to change certain provisions relating to licensing
4 and inspection of child welfare agencies; to amend Code Section 49-2-14.1 of the Official
5 Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to background check requirements for certain facilities,
6 so as to revise a definition; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for
7 other purposes.

8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

9 **SECTION 1.**

10 Article 1 of Chapter 5 of Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
11 children and youth services, is amended by revising paragraph (4) of Code Section 49-5-3,
12 relating to definitions, as follows:

13 ~~"(4) Reserved.~~ 'Children's transition care center' means a transition center which
14 provides a temporary, home-like environment for medically fragile children, technology
15 dependent children, and children with special health care needs, up to 21 years of age,
16 who are deemed clinically stable by a physician but dependent on life-sustaining
17 medications, treatments, and equipment and who require assistance with activities of
18 daily living to facilitate transitions from a hospital or other facility to a home or other
19 appropriate setting. Such centers are designated sites that provide child placing services
20 and nursing care, clinical support services, and therapies for short-term stays of one to 14
21 days and for longer stays of up to 90 days to facilitate transitions of children to homes or
22 other appropriate settings. Extended stays of up to 12 months may be approved by the
23 department by waiver."

- 1 (C) Community living arrangement subject to licensure under paragraph (16) of
2 subsection (b) and subsection (c) of Code Section 37-1-20; or
3 (D) Child welfare agency, ~~including a child-caring institution, child-placing agency,~~
4 ~~and maternity home~~ required to be licensed under Code Section 49-5-12."

5 **SECTION 4.**

6 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.