

House Bill 118

By: Representatives Townsend of the 179th, Mathiak of the 82nd, Hawkins of the 27th, Kelley of the 16th, Newton of the 127th, and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Chapter 1A of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to early
2 care and learning, so as to revise the requirements of child care learning centers and family
3 child care learning homes; to require that such centers and homes maintain at least one
4 portable airway clearance device; to require that certain employees of such centers and
5 homes be certified in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR); to provide for a definition; to
6 provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and
7 for other purposes.

8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

9 **SECTION 1.**

10 Chapter 1A of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to early care and
11 learning, is amended in Code Section 20-1A-2, relating to definitions, by adding a new
12 paragraph to read as follows:

13 "(10.1) 'Portable airway clearance device' means a portable medical device that uses
14 manually created suction to remove a blockage from the airway during a choking
15 emergency."

16 **SECTION 2.**

17 Said chapter is further amended in Code Section 20-1A-10, relating to regulation of early
18 care and education programs, by adding a new subsection to read as follows:

19 “(g.1) Child care learning centers and family child care learning homes shall:

20 (1) Maintain on the premises of such center or home at least one portable airway
21 clearance device; and

22 (2) Ensure that each employee of such center or home who cares for or supervises
23 children at such center or home is certified in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR)
24 within 45 days of beginning his or her employment with such center or home.”

25 **SECTION 3.**

26 This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law
27 without such approval.

28 **SECTION 4.**

29 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.