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HOUSE BILL NO. 572

BY REPRESENTATIVE BARROW

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

TRANSPORTATION: Requires child care facilities to ensure that no child is left in unattended motor vehicles

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 32:295.3.1, relative to motor vehicles; to require day care centers to monitor the transportation of children so that no child is left unattended in a motor vehicle; to require the Department of Children and Family Services to modify its Quality Start Child Care Rating System to contemplate day care facility compliance with monitoring requirements; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 32:295.3.1 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§295.3.1. Motor vehicles used to transport children; day care facilities; quality care rating system

A. The loading and unloading of passengers on motor vehicles owned and operated by a day care center, as defined in R.S. 46:1403, to transport children shall be monitored as to ensure that no child is left unattended in the motor vehicle. Each day care facility shall maintain an accurate child occupancy roster that is located on the vehicle at the beginning and end of each route. Employees of the child care facility shall use the roster to account for the location of each child so that no child is left unattended in the motor vehicle.

B. The Department of Children and Family Services shall amend its rules and procedures applicable to the Quality Start Child Care Rating System to include

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in its assessment of the quality of care of child care facilities consideration for those facilities that meet or exceed the requirements of Subsection A of this Section.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Requires day care centers to monitor occupancy of motor vehicles to ensure no child is left unattended.

Proposed law requires day care centers to monitor the occupancy of motor vehicles to ensure no child is left unattended. Also, requires each day care facility shall maintain an accurate child occupancy roster that is located on the vehicle at the beginning and end of each route. Requires employees of the child care facility to use the roster to account for the location of each child so that no child is left unattended in the motor vehicle.

Proposed law requires the Department of Children and Family Services to amend its rules and procedures applicable to the Quality Start Child Care Rating System to include in its assessment of the quality of care of child care facilities those facilities that meet or exceed the requirements of proposed law.

(Adds R.S. 32:295.3.1)

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