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DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

DATE: June 12, 2019

TO: Licensed Child Day Centers

FROM: Tara Ragland, Director
Division of Licensing Programs

SUBJECT: 2019 Legislative Implementation

This memo will inform you of legislation that passed in the 2019 Virginia General Assembly session that affects licensed child day center programs. The legislation will become effective July 1, 2019.

House Bill 1627

[HB 1627](#) requires inspections of child welfare agencies to be prioritized in the following order:

- 1) Complaint inspections for licensed, registered, license-exempt, or unlicensed;
- 2) Non-complaint inspections of licensed or registered programs;
- 3) Inspections of license-exempt or unlicensed child welfare agencies that have entered into a contract with the Department or a local department to provide child care services funded by the Child Care and Development Block Grant, other than inspections conducted in response to a complaint; and
- 4) Non-complaint inspections of license-exempt and unlicensed programs.

House Bill 2258

[HB 2258](#) applies to Cooperative Preschool programs that do not receive Child Care and Development Block Grant funds. This legislation exempts parents or guardians from orientation and training requirements required for individuals who act in the capacity of teacher and are counted in staff-to-child ratio in a cooperative preschool center. Up to four hours of training is required per year for persons who meet this exemption. DSS will amend the regulation *Standards for Licensed Child Day Centers* to include this language.

Senate Bill 1435

[SB 1435](#) adds the authority for an order of summary suspension issued by the Commissioner of Social Services for all licensed child welfare agencies. The order of

summary suspension is another sanction option that the Commissioner can use when revoking or denying renewal of a license, or in conjunction with other disciplinary action. Section 63.2-1709.1 describes summary suspension hearing procedures and what actions need to be taken if an order of summary suspension is issued.

Please contact your licensing inspector if you have any questions.