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A BILL

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To amend the Child Development Facilities Regulation Act of 1998 to exempt parent-led play cooperatives from the requirements of the Child Development Facilities Regulation Act of 1998.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA,

That this act may be cited as the "Parent-led Play Cooperative Amendment Act of 2018".

Sec. 2. The Child Development Facilities Regulation Act of 1998, effective April 13, 1999 (D.C. Law12-215; D.C. Official Code § 7-2031 *et seq.*) is amended as follows:

(a) Section 2 (D.C. Official Code § 7-2031) is amended by adding a new paragraph (5A) to read as follows:

"(5A) "Parent-led play cooperative" means a group of parents, step-parents, or legal guardians of participating children, including a group organized through a nonprofit organization, who have agreed to supervise the participating children during group meetings and that:

"(A) Meets at predetermined times for less than a full day;

"(B) Meets at locations other than a home of one of the parents, step-parents, or legal guardians in the group;

"(C) Does not require payment by parents, step-parents, or legal guardians, other than to cover the costs of administering the group, including

35 rent, insurance, equipment, and activities;

36 “(D) Does not employ any individual to supervise participating
37 children on behalf of parents; provided, that a parent-led play cooperative may
38 employ an individual to:

39 “(i) Facilitate activities while parents, step-parents, or
40 legal guardians supervise the participating children; or

41 “(ii) Assist with administering the group;

42 “(D) Requires, as a prerequisite to joining the group, that a
43 parent, step-parent, or legal guardian of each participating child in the group
44 volunteer a minimum number of hours to supervise the participating children
45 during meetings, regardless of whether the group requires parents, step-parents, or
46 legal guardians of every child to be present at every meeting; and

47 “(E) Notifies, upon registration with the group, the parents,
48 step-parents, and legal guardians of each participating child in the group that the
49 group is not a child development facility licensed pursuant to this act.”.

50 (b) Section 4 (D.C. Official Code § 7-2033) is amended by adding a new
51 paragraph (2A) to read as follows:

52 “(2A) “Parent-led play cooperative;”.

53 Sec. 4. Fiscal impact statement.

54 The Council adopts the fiscal impact statement in the committee report as the
55 fiscal impact statement required by section 4a of the General Legislative Procedures
56 Act of 1975, approved October 16, 2006 (120 Stat. 2038; D.C. Official Code § 1-
57 301.47a).

58 Sec. 5. Effective date.

59 This act shall take effect following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of

60 veto by the Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto), a 30-day period of
61 congressional review as provided in section 602(c)(1) of the District of Columbia
62 Home Rule Act, approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-
63 206.02(c)(1)), and publication in the District of Columbia Register.