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Committee Substitute

for

House Bill 4662

By Delegates Steele, Crouse, Tully and Dean

[Passed March 12, 2022; in effect from passage.]

AN ACT to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section, designated §49-2-115a, relating to licensure of Head Start facilities in this state; permitting deemed licensee to request to utilize West Virginia for Clearance Access Registry and Employment Screening program; and requiring rulemaking.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

**ARTICLE 2. STATE RESPONSIBILITIES FOR CHILDREN.**

**§49-2-115a. Head Start program licenses.**

(a) A Head Start program in good standing with the United States Department of Health and Human Services pursuant to 42 USC §9381 *et seq.* may request to be deemed a licensee to operate a child care program for the sole purpose of utilizing the West Virginia Clearance for Access: Registry and Employment Screenings program. At the discretion of the secretary, a deemed license may not permit the licensee to access the other services provided by the Bureau for Family Assistance as it relates to the specific deemed child care license.

(b) The section may not be construed to prevent the department from investigating complaints regarding the health, safety, or welfare of children.

(c) The department shall propose a legislative rule for promulgation by July 1, 2022, to effectuate this section.

The Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

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