

1 SB254
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3 By Senator Chambliss
4 RFD: Children, Youth and Human Services
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SYNOPSIS: This bill would require day care centers to continue to allow parents and legal guardians to enter the center during a state public health emergency.

This bill would also provide civil immunity for day care centers acting in accordance with its provisions.

A BILL
TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

Relating to child care; to prohibit day care centers from restricting a parent or legal guardian's entry during a state public health emergency.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. (a) For the purposes of this section, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

(1) DAY CARE CENTER. The same meaning as provided in Section 38-7-2, Code of Alabama 1975.

1 (2) STATE PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY. The same meaning
2 as provided in Section 31-9-3, Code of Alabama 1975.

3 (b) During a declared state public health emergency,
4 a day care center shall continue to allow parents or legal
5 guardians to enter the facility consistent with all applicable
6 federal laws and regulations of the Centers for Disease
7 Control and Prevention, or any limitations set by a state or
8 federal public health order.

9 (c) A day care center may require the visitor to
10 comply with all reasonable health and safety protocols of the
11 day care center that have been established to protect the
12 health and safety of the visitor, children, and staff of the
13 day care center.

14 (d) A day care center acting in good faith
15 compliance with this section shall be immune from civil
16 liability for any actions taken under this act.

17 Section 2. This act shall become effective on the
18 first day of the third month following its passage and
19 approval by the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.