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RED BANNER UPDATE

Date: May 5, 2017

Re: SB 0723

Signed: April 25, 2017

Effective: November 1, 2017

Topic: Oklahoma Child Care Facilities Licensing Act

Summary: SB 0723 amends existing law governing licensing for child care facilities by increasing background check requirements. In addition to current requirements, employees will need to have a clean record in the following databases:

- sex offender registry and criminal records databases (if residing outside Oklahoma within the past 5 years)
- child abuse and neglect registry in all states where the individual has resided in the past 5 years (if a registry is available)
- nontechnical services worker abuse registry
- community services worker registry

These increased requirements also apply to those who have unsupervised access to children – including volunteers and specialized service providers – unless the child’s parents have signed a release acknowledging that a background check was not conducted.

No change is anticipated for any district policy, but career techs with child care facilities should review the amendments carefully to ensure compliance with the new requirements.