

CHAPTER 188

S.B. No. 826

AN ACT

relating to use of state-owned buildings for child day care.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:*

SECTION 1. Subsections (c), (d), and (f), Section 4.15, State Purchasing and General Services Act (Article 601b, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes), are amended to read as follows:

(c) The commission shall determine the amount of space in a building to be allocated to private tenants and the types of activities in which the tenants may engage based on the market for certain activities among employees and visitors in the building and in the vicinity of the building. The amount of space allocated to private tenants may not exceed 15 percent of the total space in the building. *Any space leased to provide child day care services for employees of the building shall not be counted in the 15 percent maximum.*

(d) If the commission allocates space in a building to a private tenant, it shall do so in a manner that encourages the tenant to use space with street frontage or in other areas of heavy pedestrian activity; *except that, if the commission allocates space for the purpose of providing day care service for employees in the building, the commission shall encourage the use of the space most appropriate for day care.*

(f) The commission may lease space in a building after the lease is negotiated with the tenant or after the tenant is selected through a competitive bidding process. In either case, the commission shall follow procedures that promote competition and protect the interests of the state; *except that, if the space is leased for the purpose of providing child day care services for employees of the building, the commission may select the tenant through procedures other than competitive bidding.*

SECTION 2. This Act becomes effective September 1, 1987.

SECTION 3. The importance of this legislation and the crowded condition of the calendars in both houses create an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days in each house be suspended, and this rule is hereby suspended.

Passed the Senate on May 1, 1987, by a viva-voce vote. Passed the House on May 15, 1987, by a non-record vote.

Approved May 27, 1988.

Effective Sept. 1, 1987.