



## Key Message

In many cases, military family child care providers must be licensed or registered by the state in addition to the military. By exempting providers already certified through the military, states enhance the economic status of both the providers and families.

## Analysis

By exempting family child care providers from licensure and registration that is duplicative of the certification they receive from the military services, states enhance the quality of life and economic security of both the providers and military families seeking qualified child care options.

## Best Practices

### Exemptions from licensure requirements

The Oklahoma Department of Human Services requested the language in Senate Bill 1286 be changed from “facility certified” to “facility licensed” to align with Oklahoma code. As part of the discussions leading up to passage of SB 1286, Oklahoma DHS acknowledged the DOD certification process was equivalent to the Oklahoma licensing process and would exempt DOD certified FCC providers from the Oklahoma Child Care Facilities Licensing Act.

### EXAMPLES:

#### [Oklahoma Senate Bill 1286](#)<sup>1</sup>

Oklahoma SB 1286, Section 403.A.17., amends the Oklahoma Child Care Facilities Licensing Act<sup>2</sup> such that it does not apply to “A program on a military base or federal property, or a facility licensed as a family child care provider by a branch of the United States Department of Defense or by the United States Coast Guard.”

#### [Title 7, Chapter 57, Section 15 of the Alaska Administrative Code](#)<sup>3</sup>

Title 7, Chapter 57, Section 15(a)(2) of the AAC provides for exemption from Alaskan child care requirements<sup>4</sup> for “a facility located on a United States Department of Defense or United States Coast Guard installation that is located on federal property, or a facility certified as a family child care provider by a branch of the United States Department of Defense or by the United States Coast Guard;”

<sup>1</sup> Oklahoma Senate Bill 1286, <http://www.oklegislature.gov/BillInfo.aspx?Bill=SB1286&Session=2200>

<sup>2</sup> 10 Oklahoma Statute, Section 401-410, <https://oklahoma.gov/okdhs/services/child-care-services/child-care-licensing.html>

<sup>3</sup> Title 7, Chapter 57, Sec 15, Exemptions: <http://www.akleg.gov/basis/aac.asp#7.57.015>

<sup>4</sup> Alaska Child Care requirements, Title 47, Chapter 32 <http://www.akleg.gov/basis/statutes.asp#47.32.010>