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# Notice of Rulemaking Hearing

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Hearing Date :	(11/17/08)		
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Address 2:			
City:	Jackson, Tennessee		
Zip:	38301		
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**Revision Type (check all that apply):**

- Amendment  
 New  
 Repeal

**Rule(s)** (for additional chapters, copy and paste table)

	Chapter Number	Chapter Title
	1240-04-03	Licensure Rules for Child Care Centers
	Rule Number	Rule Title
	1240-04-03-.09	Program

Chapter 1240-04-03  
Licensure Rules for Child Care Centers

Amendments

Rule 1240-04-03-.09 Program, is amended by deleting subparagraphs (g) and (h) under paragraph (7), and by substituting instead the following language so that, as amended, subparagraph (g) under paragraph (7) shall read as follows:

(g) Personal Safety Curriculum.

1. For ages three (3) through school-age, the curriculum shall include instruction in personal safety as needed, but at least once a year.
2. The personal safety curriculum shall include a Department-recognized component on the prevention of child abuse, including child sexual abuse, based upon Department curriculum guidelines provided to the child care provider in any suitable format. The child care provider may choose terminology and instructional methods for this curriculum with a goal of providing clear, effective and appropriate instruction to the children in personal safety, including the prevention of child abuse.
3. Beginning October 1, 2008 the personal safety curriculum used by a child care agency shall be made available by the child care agency to parents and legal guardians for review. The child care agency shall use a standard notification form developed by the Department that will be provided to the parents or legal guardians by the child care agency to confirm their review of the personal safety curriculum.
4. The record of each enrolled child shall include a copy of the signed notification form acknowledging that parents/legal guardians have been provided an opportunity to review the agency's personal safety curriculum, and have been notified of the sexual abuse/personal safety curriculum for their child.
5. If parents/legal guardians have questions regarding the personal safety component of the curriculum a representative of the child care agency shall meet with the parent/legal guardian to discuss the personal safety component of the curriculum.
6. For school-age children the curriculum shall include instruction on reporting physical, verbal or sexual abuse.

Authority: T.C.A. § 71-3-502; 2008 Tenn. Pub. Acts 1032.