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# **Early Childhood Development Centres Bill**

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**Bill No. 7/2017.**

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## **EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT CENTRES ACT 2017**

**(No.    of 2017)**

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