

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

Action: Do Pass with Amendments to the A-Eng. Measure To Resolve Conflicts. (Printed B-Eng.)

Vote: 4 - 0 - 1

Yeas: Burdick, Ferrioli, Metsger, Devlin

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Exc.: Atkinson

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Meeting Dates: 6/1, 6/2

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Modifies definition of “child care facility” and creates definitions for “preschool recorded program.” Requires person operating preschool recorded program to “record” program with Child Care Division (CCD) of the Employment Department and pay recording fee. Creates provisions relating to operation and regulation of preschool recorded programs including procedure for preschool recorded program to obtain recording. Requires person operating preschool recorded program to perform criminal background checks for all staff and volunteers. Adds operator of preschool recorded program to list of mandatory child abuse reporters. Imposes maximum civil penalty of \$100 for violations for specified provisions.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Importance of tracking businesses who provide care to children
- Provisions of the measure

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Resolves conflict.

BACKGROUND: The CCD licenses approximately 1,000 Certified Child Care Centers, 350 Certified Family Child Care Homes and 4,000 Registered Family Child Care Homes through a process that includes a criminal history background check of all individuals that work at or are associated with the facility. All licensed child care facilities are required to pass an inspection prior to licensure. In addition, certified facilities are required to have approval from a Health Department environmental health specialist and a fire marshal prior to licensure by the CCD. The CCD licensing staff conduct annual announced and unannounced visits to licensed child care facilities.

House Bill 3487-B increases oversight of facilities providing child care serves to preschool-aged children.