

**HB 2260 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

**House Committee On Early Childhood and Family Supports**

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Directs Office of Childcare (OCC) to maintain a website on certified and registered child care facilities and regulated subsidy facilities. Requires Early Learning Council in consultation with OCC to adopt rules to implement website. Allows OCC to maintain information in the Central Background Registry through electronic record systems. Prohibits disclosure of identifying information of entity or individual who make complaints about facilities and programs, unless necessary to investigation. Allows OCC to share information with other public entities when it supports health or safety of children in child care. Clarifies complaints, not limited to serious complaints, may be received and investigated. Requires Early Learning Council to adopt rules defining regulated subsidy facility.

*FISCAL: Fiscal impact issued*

*REVENUE: No revenue impact*

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

**EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

-2 Amendment: Updates date and funding source. Authorizes Office of Child Care (OCC) to maintain information about child care facilities and providers through electronic records system and to share information regarding investigations or inspections with other public entities when sharing would support health or safety of children. Removes ability to share identifying information about person that makes complaint.

*FISCAL: Fiscal impact issued*

*REVENUE: No revenue impact*

**BACKGROUND:**

The Office of Childcare (OCC) is part of the Early Learning Division (ELD) in the Department of Education, aiming to provide safe, quality, affordable, and accessible child care. The OCC licenses roughly 1,000 certified child care centers, 350 certified family child care homes, and 4,000 registered family child care homes, as well as collects and publishes information on preschool and school-age recorded programs. All child care staff and any individual who may have unsupervised access to children (e.g., adults living in the home, volunteers, maintenance staff, office staff, and regular visitors) must enroll in the Central Background Registry, administered by the OCC. Applicants to the Central Background Registry undergo a background check to determine if they are permitted on the premises. The OCC conducts on-site assessments for all complaint allegations. The public can search for facilities online to find complaint information for those actively licensed, in the process of becoming licensed or those found to be providing illegal child care. The ELD does not have authority to maintain confidentiality of individuals filing complaints or to share information with other public facilities when sharing information supports the health and safety of the child.

The federal Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF), authorized by the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act, provides resources for low-income parents to work or pursue education and training, improves the safety and quality of child care, and increases the supply of child care for all families. The ELD is the lead agency responsible for CCDF. HB 2260 would allow the ELD to remain compliant with the federal reauthorization of CCDF in 2014. The CCDF

rules require the public to have transparent, electronic access to information about child care programs with provider-specific information that shows the results of monitoring and inspections. States must have a website describing licensing and monitoring requirements and processes for background checks, including offenses that prevent individuals from becoming providers.

PRELIMINARY