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**Measure Description:**

Requires that Office of Child Care complete criminal records checks and child abuse and neglect records check in accordance with rules adopted by Early Learning Council upon receipt of application for enrollment in Central Background Registry.

**Government Unit(s) Affected:**

Department of Education, Department of Human Services (DHS)

**Analysis:**

This fiscal impact statement is for the purpose of transmitting the measure from the House Committee on Early Childhood and Family Supports to the Joint Committee on Ways and Means. The bill, as amended, allows the Office of Child Care (OCC) within the Department of Education (ODE) to maintain information in a Central Background Registry (registry) through electronic records system. The OCC may also complete foster care certification checks and adult protective services checks. The OCC may enroll an individual in the registry if the Department of Human Services (DHS) has completed a background check and it has been approved. Operators or employees of early learning programs are required to apply for enrollment in the registry. Information provided to a private agency or organization about the enrollment status of persons in the registry is subject to a cost recovery agreement and any moneys collected must be deposited into the Child Care Fund.

This bill corresponds to a portion of Policy Option Package (POP) 202 in the Governor's ODE budget (SB 5516), which requests expenditure limitation and position authority for the following: \$2.9 million Other Funds, \$50,257 Federal Funds (net amount), and 25 positions (24.50 FTE). ODE states that four of these 25 positions are attributed to the changes in this bill. This POP is partially funded by reducing the amount of the Child Care Development Block Grant funding the state receives that is directed to the Employment Related Day Care (ERDC) program. Additionally, there will likely be an increase in Other Funds revenue associated with a cost recovery agreement which is permitted under Section 1 (11) (c) of the -3 amendment. A more complete fiscal analysis on the bill will be prepared as the measure is considered in the Joint Committee on Ways and Means.

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