

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

SB 490

Relating to individuals prohibited from providing child care

SB 490 closes a loophole in state day care regulations by permanently prohibiting individuals who are required to report as sex offenders and individuals who have been subject of substantiated report of child abuse in which victim suffered serious harm or death from providing child care. The bill also expands the list of individuals who are required to be enrolled in the Central Background Registry before providing license-exempt care. The bill authorizes the Office of Child Care to impose civil penalties for violations.

The bill has an indeterminate fiscal impact. The Office of Child Care anticipates an increase in workload related to performing suitability determinations in enrollment and monitoring. If, after the bill is operational, the Department of Education identifies a quantifiable and unmanageable workload directly related to this bill, the agency may seek a budget adjustment.

The Human Services Subcommittee recommends SB 490 be reported out do pass.