

HB 3394 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Sen. Heard

Senate Committee On Human Services

Action Date: 05/02/19

Action: Do pass the A-Eng bill.

Vote: 5-0-0-0

Yeas: 5 - Fagan, Gelser, Heard, Knopp, Monnes Anderson

Fiscal: No fiscal impact

Revenue: No revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 5/2

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Clarifies requirements of Office of Child Care regarding services provided by resource and referral entities.

Requires resource and referral entity to match funds as required by Early Learning Council by rule. Takes effect 91st day following adjournment *sine die*.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Provisions of the measure

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Child care facilities are entities providing child care to children and include day nurseries, nursery schools, child care centers, certified or registered family child care homes, or similar entities operating under any name. Child care providers must be licensed, registered, or certified with the Office of Child Care (OCC) within the Early Learning Division (ELD) of the Department of Education. The Early Learning Council (ELC) is the governing body overseeing the ELD. The OCC is required to implement a resource and referral system that must provide training and technical assistance for child care providers; referrals for parents or guardians seeking child care; and recruitment of qualified individuals to meet the child care needs of a community.

House Bill 3394 A clarifies the requirements of the OCC resource and referral system. The measure also requires resource and referral entities to match funds as required by the ELC by rule.