

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

Measure: HB 2599 - 1

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Measure Description:

Waives background check fee for employees and volunteers of certain respite service providers.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Department of Early Learning and Care

Summary of Fiscal Impact:

Costs related to the measure are anticipated to be minimal - See analysis.

Analysis:

House Bill 2599, as amended by the -1 amendments, directs the Early Learning Council to waive background check fees for enrollment in the Central Background Registry (CBR) for employees and volunteers of respite service providers for parents pursuant to a properly executed power of attorney. The measure applies to fees assessed on or after its effective date, which is January 1, 2024.

Department of Early Learning and Care

The measure is anticipated to have a minimal fiscal impact on the Department of Early Learning and Care (DELIC). DELIC would need to conduct rulemaking to implement these fee waivers, which would require review by the Department of Justice. The cost of this rulemaking is anticipated to be minimal and absorbable within DELIC's 2023-25 current service level.

DELIC currently has reciprocal agreements with respite service providers that seek CBR enrollment of their employees and volunteers, for which they pay \$75 per background check. DELIC estimates that these contracts currently average 243 background checks per year. While it is unknown how many potential requests for fee waivers DELIC would receive, this fiscal impact statement assumes that the current annual average would continue in 2023-25. Assuming 243 background checks per year, multiplied by \$75 per background check, the estimated cost to DELIC is \$18,225 per year, or \$36,450 per biennium, which is absorbable within DELIC's 2023-25 current service level.

If the magnitude of fee waivers for CBR background checks exceeds this estimate, DELIC may need to return to the Emergency Board or the Legislative Assembly in the 2024 legislative session to request additional resources.