

SB 962 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Early Childhood and Behavioral Health

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure directs the Department of Early Learning and Care (DELIC) to establish a grant funding to support tenants to update dwellings for use as family child care homes, funded by the Tenant Family Child Care Home Fund.

Detailed Summary:

Directs DELIC to give grants to tenants for the cost of necessary or desirable modifications for the use, certification, or registration of family child care homes.

- Directs DELIC to report on the status of the grant program to the Legislative Assembly by December 1 of each year.
- Directs DELIC to adopt rules to govern the grant program.

Directs the State Treasury to establish the Tenant Family Child Care Home Fund, separate and distinct from the general fund.

- Sunsets January 2, 2045.
- Appropriates monies from the General Fund to establish the Tenant Family Child Care Home Fund.
- Reverts all unused funds to the General Fund.

Fiscal impact: May have fiscal impact, but no statement yet issued

Revenue impact: May have revenue impact, but no statement yet issued

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

[House Bill 3073](#) (2021) established the Department of Early Learning and Care (DELIC), consolidating all child care programs and early care and education programs in one state agency. One program moved under DELIC was the Child Care Licensing Division (CCLD), which licenses child care facilities including registered and certified family child care homes. Family child care homes are licensed child care facilities that are operated by providers in their own homes. Family child care homes that provide care for up to 10 children must be registered with CCLD but are not subject to square footage requirements, while those caring for up to 16 children must be certified by CCLD and meet certain square footage requirements. Certified family child care homes must submit floor plans to and complete a pre-certification visit with CCLD before obtaining their license.

DELIC operates other grant programs, including the [Early Childhood Equity Fund](#). Additionally, DELIC has funded [Child Care Resource and Referrals](#) (CCR&Rs) to recruit and support early learning and care programs, both home- and center-based. CCR&Rs may direct or provide access to financial supports for new early learning and care providers.

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Senate Bill 962 directs DELC to provide grant funding to support tenants to update dwellings for use as family child care homes and directs the State Treasury to create a Tenant Family Child Care Home Fund to fund the program.