



2001 SENATE BILL 78

March 8, 2001 - Introduced by Senator GROBSCHMIDT, cosponsored by Representative PLALE, by request of Calvary Academy.. Referred to Committee on Education.

1 **AN ACT to amend** 48.60 (2) (b) and 118.165 (1) (f) of the statutes; **relating to:** the
2 licensure of child welfare agencies and the classification of an educational
3 institution as a private school.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, with certain exceptions a person may not receive children to provide care and maintenance for 75 days in any 12-month period unless the person obtains a license to operate a child welfare agency from the department of health and family services (DHFS). One exception is for a bona fide educational institution whose pupils return to the homes of their parents or guardians for at least two months of summer vacation each year. This bill reduces the two-month requirement to two weeks.

Under current law, an institution may be classified as a private school if it meets certain specified criteria. Among other requirements, the institution must be licensed by DHFS as a child welfare agency or the pupils must return to the homes of their parents or guardians for not less than two months of summer vacation each year. This bill allows an institution to be classified as a private school if the pupils return to the homes of their parents or guardians for not less than two weeks of summer vacation each year.

