

Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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LRB Number	11-0013/2	Introduction Number	AB-0215	Estimate Type	Original
Description Requiring a private school that provides child care for children under three years of age to be licensed to operate a child care center.					

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

Under current law, no person may for compensation provide care and supervision for four or more children under seven years of age for less than 24 hours a day unless that person obtains a license to operate a child care center from the Department of Children and Families. Certain persons, however, including parochial schools, are exempt from this requirement. This bill requires a private school that provides such care and supervision for children under three years of age to obtain a license to operate a child care center.

State Fiscal Effect: The department fiscal effect is indeterminate. Questions from private school staff about the law might be directed to department staff. Costs associated with answering any questions would be absorbed by the department.

Local Fiscal Effect: The local fiscal effect is indeterminate. There are 832 private schools in the state. There are an unknown number of private schools that provide child care that would be impacted by this law. It is also unknown how many private schools that provide child care do not take advantage of the exemption and already have the appropriate license required under this bill.

Private schools without a current license choosing to continue to provide child care and obtain a license would need to spend money and staff time to obtain the license. It is unknown how many private schools without a current license that currently provide child care would continue to do so and obtain a license or would choose to discontinue child care.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications