

Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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LRB Number	09-2269/1	Introduction Number	AB-0176	Estimate Type	Original
Description Requiring certain vehicles that transport children to and from a child care provider to have child safety alarms installed, granting rule-making authority, extending the time limit for emergency rule procedures, providing an exemption from emergency rule procedures, and providing a penalty					

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

This bill requires a child care provider or contractor of a child care provider to install a child safety alarm in a child care vehicle used to transport children to and from the child care provider. The bill imposes a penalty of up to 1 year and jail and/or a \$1,000 fine a conviction for knowingly transporting or permitting a child to be transported in a child care vehicle that does not have a child safety alarm installed, is not properly maintained or is not in good working order.

There are currently approximately 5,600 licensed and 3,800 certified providers. It is unknown how many of these providers use vehicles that have a seating capacity of six or more passengers. For those child care providers that do, they incur additional costs for the purchase and installation of the child safety alarm for their vehicles, the costs of which may range from \$200 to over \$1,000. However, because of the uncertainty on the number of vehicles affected, the fiscal impact on providers is unknown.

The Department child care licensing staff would have to check compliance with these requirements as part of its ongoing licensing functions for licensed providers. Local agencies that perform certification functions would also have to check for compliance with this requirement. In both cases, the cost of the additional workload of checking for compliance with the child safety alarm requirement could be absorbed as part of their regular duties and thus would have no fiscal impact.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications