

Fiscal Estimate - 2011 Session

Original Updated Corrected Supplemental

LRB Number 11-2419/1	Introduction Number SB-179
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	
Fiscal Effect State: <input type="checkbox"/> No State Fiscal Effect <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Indeterminate <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Existing Appropriations <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Increase Existing Revenues <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Increase Costs - May be possible to absorb within agency's budget <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Appropriations <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Revenues <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Create New Appropriations <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs	
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Fund Sources Affected Affected Ch. 20 Appropriations <input type="checkbox"/> GPR <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FED <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRO <input type="checkbox"/> PRS <input type="checkbox"/> SEG <input type="checkbox"/> SEGS	
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Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

This bill requires a private school that provides child care for children under three years of age to obtain a license to operate a child care center. Because the child care providers affected under this bill are not currently required to apply for licensure, the Department does not have adequate information to estimate the number of providers or number of children that would be affected by this bill.

At this time the state's child care licensing and regulation staff resources are currently being used at capacity, with a ratio of about 85 licensed facilities per state licensor; therefore any increase in the number of facilities requiring inspection represents a workload increase that may also require a corresponding increase in staff to adequately meet the state's regulatory responsibilities. Due to salary, fringe, travel and associated technology costs, it is estimated that each additional 1.0 FTE licensing/certification specialist in the Bureau of Early Care and Regulation, would cost approximately \$84,000 annually.

Inclusion of these currently unlicensed providers will generate additional program revenue funds in the form of licensing fees assessed on a per facility and a per child basis. Because the number of providers and children affected is unknown, the increase in revenues cannot be estimated. The cost of any new positions hired would be only slightly offset by licensing fees, which are fixed at statutory levels not affected by this bill. Currently eighty-five percent of staffing costs for the Bureau are funded by the federal CCDF block grant, which is also fixed in amount; however, it is anticipated that some flexibility would exist to reallocate these funds if necessary.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications