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Child Care Licensing (DHFS -- Children and Families)

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CURRENT LAW

The Bureau of Regulation and Licensing (BRL) in the Department of Health and Family Services (DHFS), Division of Children and Family Services, is responsible for licensing and regulating child care and day care facilities, children's group homes, residential care centers for children and youth, shelter care facilities, and child placing agencies for foster care and adoption.

Currently, BRL has 95.95 full-time equivalent (FTE) positions, including 59.55 FTE licensing specialists and program specialists who inspect and issue licenses to qualified new applicants, conduct ongoing monitoring visits, and license continuation reviews, investigate complaints, take enforcement actions against non-compliant facilities, and provide technical assistance, training, and information to providers and the public.

BRL costs are currently supported from several funding sources, including federal funds the state receives under the child care and development fund (CCDF), the social services block grant (SSBG), program revenue (PR) from licensing revenues, and GPR.

GOVERNOR

Provide \$100,600 PR in 2003-04 and \$109,000 PR in 2004-05 and 2.0 PR positions, beginning in 2003-04, to perform child care licensing activities in the Bureau of Regulation and Licensing.

MODIFICATION

Reduce funding by \$100,600 FED in 2003-04 and \$109,000 FED in 2004-05 and eliminate 2.0 FED positions, beginning in 2003-04. The federal funding is available from CCDF funds, which are transferred to DHFS from the Department of Workforce Development.

Explanation: The administration's intent was to convert 2.0 current FED positions, which are currently supported with federal CCDF funds, to 2.0 PR positions funded with child care license fee revenue. However, while the bill provides the increased PR position and expenditure authority, it does not reduce the federal funding or eliminate the FED positions.

<u>Modification</u>	<u>FED</u>
2003-05 FUNDING (Change to Bill)	- \$209,600
2004-05 POSITIONS (Change to Bill)	- 2.00

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