



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

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FISCAL NOTE

SENATE BILL: 59

PRINTER'S NO: 2222

PRIME SPONSOR: Piccola

FISCAL IMPACT SUMMARY	FY 2010/11	FY 2011/12
Expenditure Increase/(Decrease):		
General Fund	\$0	\$0

OVERVIEW:

Senate Bill 59 amends the Public Welfare Code, relating to provisions for family day care homes. The legislation requires a family day care home to provide proof of a current general liability insurance policy that covers all persons on the premises, as part of the registration application process with the Department of Public Welfare (DPW). In addition, the legislation requires a family day care home to post the following information in a conspicuous location used by parents: (1) a current registration certificate; (2) a copy of applicable department regulations; (3) a copy of the facility's inspection summary; and (4) any other information deemed important by the department. The facility must also have a copy of the liability insurance policy on file.

The legislation also adds Section 1075.1, relating to disclosure. This section requires the family day care home operator to review the following with all parents using the facility: registration certificate; inspection summary; insurance policy; emergency plan; general daily schedule; hours in which care is provided; fees; responsibilities for meals; clothing; health policies; supervision policies; night care policies; dismissal policies; transportation; pickup arrangements; and any other policy as required by the department. This review shall be documented through a written agreement upon a child's enrollment. The family day care home also must maintain emergency contact information as required by the department. The operator also shall provide instructions for obtaining information about the registration and compliance history of the facility, as well as filing a complaint or making inquiries to the department.

Lastly, Senate Bill 59 amends Section 1080, relating to emergency closure. Under the act, the department shall take immediate action to close the family day care home if the department finds evidence of gross incompetence, negligence, misconduct, and/or mistreatment or abuse posing a serious and immediate threat to the children. The department shall inform the responsible parent or guardian and remain on the premises until all children are picked up.

The act shall take effect in 120 days.

ANALYSIS:

The Department of Public Welfare does not anticipate any additional costs to meet the provisions of Senate Bill 59.

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