



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

SENATE BILL NO. 227

PRINTERS NO. 991

PRIME SPONSOR: Piccola

COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2010/11	FY 2011/12
General Fund	\$0	\$0

SUMMARY: Amends the Public Welfare Code requiring family day care homes to prove possession of a current general liability insurance policy and providing for emergency closure. Effective date in one year.

ANALYSIS: This legislation would require applicants for a family day care home registration certificate to provide proof of a current general liability insurance policy that covers all persons who are on the premises before a certificate could be issued by the department. Every family day care home operator would be required to post a current registration certificate, a copy of the department's regulations, the inspection summary and any other record required by the department in a conspicuous location used by parents. A copy of the insurance policy is to be kept on file at the family day care home. At the time of a child's application, the operator is to review this information, emergency plan, daily schedule and additional operational information with the parent/responsible person. At the time of enrollment, the operator is to execute a written agreement to be signed by the parent/responsible person that addresses the terms required by the department. The operator is also required to provide a written form containing instructions to obtain information about the registration and compliance history of that home and to contact the department to file a complaint or make inquiries regarding the home. The legislation also requires, if the department finds evidence that constitutes an immediate and serious danger to the life or health of the children, the department is to take immediate action to close the family day care home and remove the children. If necessary, the department shall request law enforcement authorities' assistance to close and remove the children. The department is to inform all parents/responsible persons of the emergency closure and removal and department staff are to remain at the family day care home until each child is picked up by parent or taken to a safe location.

FISCAL IMPACT: Enactment of this legislation would have no adverse fiscal impact on Commonwealth funds.

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Estimates are calculated using the best information available. Actual costs and revenue impact incurred may vary from estimates.