



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 46

PRINTERS NO. 2310

PRIME SPONSOR: Godshall

COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2015/16	FY 2016/17
General Fund	See Fiscal Impact	See Fiscal Impact

SUMMARY: House Bill 46, Printer's Number 2310, the Unannounced Inspection of Child Day-Care Facilities Act, authorizes the Department of Human Services (DHS) to annually perform unannounced inspections of child day-care facilities and requires family day-care homes to be licensed. This legislation is effective immediately.

ANALYSIS: This legislation requires DHS to perform at least one onsite, unannounced inspection of each child day-care facility annually and additional inspections as required to verify corrections of violations. Child day-care facilities include child day-care centers simultaneously providing care to seven or more children who are not relatives of the provider and family day-care homes providing care at one time to between four to six children who are not relatives of the provider. DHS must also perform an inspection within 24 hours of receipt of a complaint from any person alleging an immediate and serious risk to the health or safety of a child receiving care at a facility, excluding days the facility is not in operation. DHS shall determine an appropriate time frame for other complaints to be investigated based upon the seriousness of the complaint.

HB 46 also requires family day-care homes, where care is provided to between four to six children who are not relatives of the provider of the child day-care, to be licensed by DHS rather than the current registration process.

The legislation will also bring Pennsylvania into compliance with requirements included in the reauthorization of the federal Child Care and Development Fund Block Grant (CCDFBG) requiring pre-service and annual inspections of all facilities by November 2016, including family day-care homes which are not currently inspected on an initial or annual basis.

FISCAL IMPACT: DHS anticipates an additional 18,000 inspections will need to be conducted annually due to this legislation and the updated federal CCDFBG requirements. DHS requested full-year funding of \$3.948 million in federal CCDFBG funds for 60 new positions (both

licensing and administrative positions) for FY 2015/16 in anticipation of passage of this HB legislation. The cost for FY 2016/17 will depend on the number of filled positions and any potential changes to salary and benefit levels.

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