



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

SENATE BILL NO. 934

PRINTERS NO. 1720

PRIME SPONSOR: Laughlin

COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2019/20	FY 2020/21
General Fund	\$0	\$0

SUMMARY: Senate Bill 934, Printer's Number 1720, amends the Human Services Code to require a fire detection device or system in all child care centers and family child care homes. This legislation is effective in 120 days.

ANALYSIS: This legislation amends Article X, Departmental Powers and Duties as to Licensing, Section 1016, Right to Enter and Inspect, to require all family child care homes and for-profit and nonprofit child care centers to have a fire detection device or system that is compliant with the Fire and Panic Act and the PA Construction Code Act.

The fire detection device or service must be manually tested once every 30 days. If it is not possible to perform a monthly test on the system, a fire safety professional must confirm the system is operational on an annual basis. Confirmation of these tests or fire safety professional's confirmation must be maintained as part of the child care center or family child care home's written records.

Department of Human Services (DHS) staff shall conduct a visual inspection and notify the building code official charged by law or ordinance with the enforcement of safety requirements of any suspected failure to satisfy the requirement for a fire detection device or system. A building code official shall provide DHS with inspection reports and any other pertinent information to ensure compliance upon request.

FISCAL IMPACT: Enactment of this legislation will have no adverse fiscal impact on Commonwealth funds. This bill will codify into statute the licensing review process that is currently being utilized by DHS.

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