

SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE

BILL NO. Senate Bill 59

PRINTER'S NO. 758

AMOUNT

No Fiscal Impact

FUND

General

DATE INTRODUCED

Jan. 20, 2009

PRIME SPONSOR

Senator Piccola

HISTORY OF BILL

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DESCRIPTION AND PURPOSE OF BILL

An Act amending the act of June 13, 1967 (P.L. 31, No. 21), known as the Public Welfare Code, further providing for application for registration certificate, for issuance of registration certificate and for records; providing for disclosure; and further providing for emergency closure.

Senate Bill 59 amends the Public Welfare Code to require all persons applying for registration of a family day care home to provide proof of a current general liability insurance policy that covers all persons on the premises. In addition all persons operating a family day care home would be required to post in a conspicuous location which is accessible to parents the following:

- The facility's current certificate of compliance;
- A copy of the applicable department regulations;

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- A copy of the facility's inspection summary ; and
- Any other record required by the Department.

Operators would also be required to maintain a copy of the current insurance policy on the premises.

At the time of the child's application, family day care facility operators would be required to provide in writing and review with a parent the facility's certificate of compliance, 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.

The bill was amended in committee to clarify that the burden of executing an agreement containing disclosure requirements, emergency plans, schedule, inspection certificate, etc. lies with the operator.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The enactment of this legislation will have no fiscal impact to the Department of Public Welfare.