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BILL NO. Senate Bill 227

PRINTER'S NO. 991

AMOUNT

No Fiscal Impact

FUND

General

DATE INTRODUCED

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PRIME SPONSOR

Senator Piccola

HISTORY OF BILL

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DESCRIPTION AND PURPOSE OF BILL

Senate Bill 227 amends the Public Welfare Code to provide requirements for family day care homes.

In summary, the bill:

Amends the Public Welfare Code to require family day care homes to submit proof of a current general liability insurance policy with their application in order to receive a registration certificate. Requires that the policy cover all persons on the premises.

Requires family day care homes to keep the insurance policy on file at the home and conspicuously post their current registration certificate and a copy of the applicable regulations in a location used by parents.

Requires family day care homes to review the registration certificate, inspection summary, insurance policy, emergency plan, general daily schedule and other policies with parents at the time of the child's application.

Requires, upon enrollment, that the family day care home and the parent execute a written agreement that addresses the terms required by the department.

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Requires the home provide the parent with a written form with instructions for obtaining information on registration and compliance history and filing complaints or making inquiries with the department.

Requires the Department of Public Welfare to take action to immediately close the family day care home and remove the children if they find circumstances which would constitute an immediate and serious danger to the life or health of the children.

Requires law enforcement to be involved if necessary. Requires DPW to inform families of the closure and remain at the family day care home until each child is picked up by a parent or taken to another location.

Effective in one year.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Senate Bill 227 will have no fiscal impact to the Commonwealth.