

SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE

BILL NO. Senate Bill 129

PRINTER NO. 105

AMOUNT

No Fiscal Impact

FUND

General Fund

DATE INTRODUCED

January 27, 2021

PRIME SPONSOR

Senator Fontana

DESCRIPTION

Senate Bill 129 enacts the Carbon Monoxide Alarm Standards in Child Care Facilities Act (the act) which requires the installation, maintenance, repair or replacement of carbon monoxide detectors in child care facilities that use fossil-fuel-burning heaters or appliances, fireplaces or in facilities that are attached to garages.

Within 18 months of the effective date of the act, each building in which a child care facility is in operation and which uses a fossil-fuel-burning heater, appliance, fireplace or which is attached to a garage must have an operational carbon monoxide alarm in the vicinity of the fossil-fuel-burning heater or fireplace and in every unit on the same floor as the fossil-fuel-burning heater or appliance.

The Department of Human Services may not issue or renew a license (except for a provisional license issued to a facility licensed under Article X of the Human Services Code) for a child care facility supervised or licensed under Articles IX or X of the Human Services Code unless that facility meets the carbon monoxide alarm requirements of the act.

This act shall take effect in 90 days.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Senate Bill 129 will have no fiscal impact to the Commonwealth but will require child care facilities to purchase and install carbon monoxide detectors to the extent the facility does not currently have such devices. These devices typically cost \$20 to \$50 per unit.