

**LEGISLATIVE SERVICES AGENCY
OFFICE OF FISCAL AND MANAGEMENT ANALYSIS
FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

LS 7209
BILL NUMBER: HB 1253

NOTE PREPARED: Apr 3, 2025
BILL AMENDED: Apr 3, 2025

SUBJECT: Child Care.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Heine
FIRST SPONSOR: Sen. Brown L

BILL STATUS: 2nd Reading - 2nd House

FUNDS AFFECTED: X **GENERAL**
DEDICATED
FEDERAL

IMPACT: State & Local

Summary of Legislation: (Amended) The bill provides that a granted waiver or variance expires three years after the date that the waiver or variance becomes effective. It removes the requirement that a child receiving child care from a school must be the child of a student or employee of the school.

The bill provides that, not later than June 30, 2026, the Division of Family Resources (DFR) shall establish an organizational license category for multi-site child care centers operating under one owner, and specifies obligations of the DFR with regard to the new license category.

It provides that, subject to exceptions, certain properties may not be required to comply with a new or different set of building, fire safety, or equipment laws than were originally enforced by the DFR:

- (1) before July 1, 2025; or
- (2) two years after the earlier of the date of the:
 - (A) initial inspection; or
 - (B) plan review.

It allows a child care home that was licensed to operate a Class 2 structure before July 1, 2025, to continue operating in the structure notwithstanding the building, fire safety, or equipment laws and regulations.

Effective Date: (Amended) Upon passage; July 1, 2025.

Explanation of State Expenditures: (Revised) The cost of administering an additional license type will depend on the number of entities seeking the license and the number of locations. The Office of the Secretary of Family and Social Services (FSSA) indicates that administrative changes may be sufficient to meet the increased workload.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues: Schools with available capacity may have additional children eligible for

their program.

State Agencies Affected: Office of the Secretary of Family and Social Services.

Local Agencies Affected: Schools with child care programs.

Information Sources:

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