



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 494

PRINTER'S NO. 1034

PRIME SPONSOR: McNeill

COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2022/23	FY 2023/24
General Fund	\$0	\$0

SUMMARY:

House Bill 494, Printer's Number 1034 is a freestanding act to require child care centers and family care homes to install carbon monoxide alarms.

ANALYSIS:

If a child care center or a family child care home is in a building which uses a fossil-fuel-burning heater or appliance, a fireplace, or an attached garage, the bill would require installation of carbon monoxide alarms. The alarm would be required in the vicinity of the heater or fireplace, and in every unit or room on the same story as the heater or appliance, and must be installed within 18 months of the effective date of the legislation.

The Department of Human Services is charged with enforcement of the act. If a child care center or family child care home violates the installation requirement, the department may take enforcement in accordance with Articles IX and X of the Human Services Code, which provide for the department's supervisory, inspection, and licensure powers.

Within 12 months of the effective date of the act, the department shall provide written notice about the new carbon monoxide alarm requirements to each child care center or family child care home.

The legislation would take effect in 90 days.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This legislation should have no adverse impact on commonwealth funds. Staff from the Department of Human Services will need to ensure compliance as part of their regular inspection activities. Under the Human Services Code, the department's certification staff check for fire and smoke detection devices that are required under current law. Inspection for carbon monoxide alarms under this act would be folded into the range of inspection activities conducted by the department.

Facilities that are required to install a carbon monoxide alarm under the legislation and do not currently have one installed would experience a cost to install the devices.

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