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## **OLR Bill Analysis**

### **SB 651**

#### ***AN ACT CONCERNING NUTRITION STANDARDS FOR CHILD CARE SETTINGS.***

#### **SUMMARY:**

This bill prohibits child day care centers, group day care homes, and family day care homes from providing (1) a beverage with artificial or natural added sweeteners to a child in their care and (2) any juice to a child eight months old or younger. The facility may provide juice to a child over eight months old if (1) it is 100% juice and (2) the child receives no more than six ounces per day.

The bill prohibits these facilities from providing milk with more than 1% milk fat unless a higher fat content is medically required for a child as documented by the child's medical provider.

It requires these facilities to (1) make water available and easily accessible to children in their care throughout the day, including at all meals; (2) have potable (drinkable) water supplies in or near classrooms and playrooms; and (3) provide individual disposable drinking cups within reach of children in their care except when water fountains are used.

By law, these facilities must be licensed by the Department of Public Health.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2013

#### **DEFINITIONS**

A "child day care center" offers or provides supplementary care to more than 12 children outside their own homes on a regular basis.

A "group day care home" offers or provides supplementary care (1) to between seven and 12 children on a regular basis or (2) meets the

family day care home definition except that it is not in a private family home.

A “family day care home” is a private family home caring for up to six children, including the provider’s own children not in school full-time, where the child is cared for between three and 12 hours per day on a regular basis. Care may be provided between 12 and 72 consecutive hours to accommodate a need for extended care or intermittent short-term overnight care. During the regular school year, up to three additional children in school full-time, including the provider’s own children, are permitted or all of the provider’s children in school full-time are permitted if he or she has more than three children.

## **BACKGROUND**

### ***Child and Adult Care Food Program***

The U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) reimburses licensed day care centers and family day care homes for providing nutritious meals and snacks for children. Facilities that serve low-income children receive higher reimbursements.

To receive federal reimbursement, facilities must follow CACFP meal pattern guidelines, which include providing specific minimum serving sizes and nutrition requirements for certain foods and beverages.

## **COMMITTEE ACTION**

Children Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 8 Nay 4 (03/12/2013)