



House of Representatives

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Substitute House Bill No. 6910

House of Representatives, April 7, 2015

The Committee on Public Safety and Security reported through REP. DARGAN of the 115th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING NOTIFICATION BY LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES TO DAY CARE CENTERS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2015*) (a) For purposes of this
2 section, "licensee" means any person licensed pursuant to section 19a-
3 80 or 19a-87b of the general statutes, and "day care center" means a
4 child day care center, a group day care home or a family day care
5 home, as those terms are defined in section 19a-77 of the general
6 statutes.

7 (b) Each licensee shall provide written contact information for the
8 licensee's day care center, including the name, address and telephone
9 number of the day care center, to the local police department or state
10 police troop having jurisdiction where such day care center is located.
11 Each licensee shall verify and update, as appropriate, such contact
12 information.

13 (c) Such local police department or state police troop shall notify a
14 licensee that submitted written contact information pursuant to
15 subsection (b) of this section of any conditions caused by fire, a
16 criminal act, emergency or act of nature such as an earthquake,
17 tornado, hurricane or storm, in the vicinity of such day care center that
18 may endanger the safety or welfare of the children at such day care
19 center.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2015	New section

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OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill requires certain child day care licensees to provide contact information to the presiding state or local police department. The bill also requires such police department to provide notice of certain endangering situations to licensees that have provided contact information. There is no fiscal impact to state or municipal agencies to retain contact information and provide the required notifications.

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There is no fiscal impact in the out years.

OLR Bill Analysis

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AN ACT CONCERNING NOTIFICATION BY LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES TO DAY CARE CENTERS.

SUMMARY:

This bill requires each day care center licensee to give the center's contact information to the local police department or state police troop having jurisdiction where the center is located.

It requires the police department or police troop to notify licensees that submit this information about any conditions caused by fire; a criminal act; emergency; or act of nature, such as an earthquake, tornado, storm, or hurricane in the vicinity of the day care center that may endanger the children's safety or welfare. (It sets no timeframes for the notifications.)

The contact information must be in writing and include the center's name, address, and telephone number. The centers must verify and update the information, as appropriate.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2015

The bill applies to:

1. child day care centers, which offer or provide supplementary care to more than 12 related or unrelated children outside their own homes on a regular basis;
2. group day care homes, which offer or provide supplementary care (a) to seven to 12 related or unrelated children on a regular basis or (b) that meet the definition of a family day care home except that they do not operate in a private family home; and

3. family day care homes.

A family day care home is a private family home that generally provides care, on a regularly recurring basis, for up to six children, including the provider's children, not in school full time, between three and 12 hours during a 24-hour period (CGS § 19a-77).

COMMITTEE ACTION

Public Safety and Security Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 21 Nay 2 (03/19/2015)