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Veterans' and Military Affairs Committee

**AN ACT EXEMPTING FROM LICENSING REQUIREMENTS CERTAIN
CHILD CARE SERVICES FOR CHILDREN OF MEMBERS OF THE
UNITED STATES MILITARY**

SUMMARY: This act exempts from state licensing requirements certain child care programs that only serve military members' children. It exempts these programs if they are on federal property (e.g., a military base) or administered by (1) the federal government or (2) a family child care (FCC) provider certified by the U.S. Coast Guard or a Department of Defense (DOD) military branch (see BACKGROUND).

As required under existing law for programs exempt from state licensure, a program exempted by the act must inform its enrolled children's parents and guardians that it is not licensed by the Office of Early Childhood to provide child care services (CGS § 19a-77(c)).

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

BACKGROUND

Family Child Care Programs

FCC programs are home-based child care services for up to eight children, generally provided by a military spouse. FCC providers must be certified by the applicable military branch or commanding officer and comply with federal regulations as well as DOD- or Coast Guard-issued instructions. As with state-licensed child care providers, FCC providers must undergo background checks; periodic health, safety, and sanitation inspections; and certain orientation and trainings, among other things (32 C.F.R. Part 79 and DOD Instruction 6060.02).