
OLR Bill Analysis

sHB 5160

AN ACT CONCERNING THE MAINTENANCE OF LIABILITY INSURANCE COVERAGE BY CHILD CARE CENTERS, GROUP CHILD CARE HOMES AND FAMILY CHILD CARE HOMES.

SUMMARY

This bill requires the Office of Early Childhood (OEC) commissioner, by December 1, 2024, to consult with a nonprofit organization that provides entrepreneurial and financial education services to women and develop a document that explains the (1) benefits of child care centers and homes maintaining liability insurance coverage and (2) potential consequences of not having this coverage. The OEC commissioner must electronically distribute the document to licensed child care centers, group child care homes, and family child care homes each year, starting by January 1, 2025.

Starting by the January 1, 2025, the bill requires these centers and homes, when making or renewing child care services agreements, to give the person seeking services a written notice indicating whether or not the licensee carries at least \$100,000 of liability insurance coverage for damages resulting from bodily injury or death to someone. The notice may state that the coverage is not required by law. Additionally, starting by January 1, 2026, each licensee must annually confirm compliance with the bill's notice requirement to the OEC commissioner as she prescribes.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

COMMITTEE ACTION

Committee on Children

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 11 Nay 6 (02/29/2024)