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## OLR Bill Analysis

### sHB 5292

#### ***AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES' RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING COMMUNITY COMPANION HOMES.***

#### **SUMMARY**

This bill allows the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) to share information with certain entities if a DDS-licensed community living arrangement (i.e., group home) or community companion home's license was revoked or surrendered because of substantiated abuse or neglect during the licensure period. (Community companion homes offer a family-like setting for people with intellectual disability when circumstances make it difficult for the person to live with his or her family.)

Specifically, the bill allows the DDS commissioner to release the former licensee's name, license revocation or surrender date, and type of abuse or neglect to the following entities:

1. authorized agencies (i.e., agencies authorized to conduct abuse and neglect investigations and responsible for issuing or carrying out protective services for people with intellectual disability), to determine protective services;
2. employers of people providing services to those receiving DDS services or support; and
3. the departments of children and families (DCF), mental health and addiction services (DMHAS), social services (DSS), and administrative services (DAS), to make a determination on an employment application or provider licensure or certification with DCF, DMHAS, DSS, or DDS. (In practice, DAS generally oversees human resources functions for executive branch

agencies.)

The bill also makes technical changes.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Public Health Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 37 Nay 0 (03/11/2024)