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House Bill 5371 (as passed by the House)  
Sponsor: Representative Mary Ann Middaugh  
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### **CONTENT**

**The bill would amend the child care licensing Act to require that the Department of Consumer and Industry Services (DCIS) establish and maintain a database of child care centers, family day care homes, and group day care homes.**

The database would be a central clearinghouse for people seeking information on child care options and would have to include at least the following information:

- The name, address, and telephone number of the child care center, family day care home, or group day care home.
- The days and hours of operation of the child care center, family day care home, or group day care home.
- The child care center's, family day care home's, or group day care home's license or registration number, effective date, and expiration date.
- The number and nature of any adverse action taken by the DCIS against the child care center, family day care home, or group day care home.

The DCIS would have to make the database available to the public on the Internet, through the Department's website, without charge. Through press releases or other media avenues, the DCIS would have to inform the public of the information available in the database and how to gain access to it.

The Act defines "child care center" as a facility, other than a private home, that receives one or more preschool or school age children for care for periods of less than 24 hours a day, and where the parents or guardians are not immediately available to the child. "Child care center" includes a facility that provides care for not less than two consecutive weeks, regardless of the number of hours of care per day. A child care center does not include either of the following:

- A Sunday school, a vacation bible school, or a religious instructional class that is conducted by a religious organization where children are in attendance for not more than three hours per day for an indefinite period, or not more than eight hours per day for a period not to exceed four weeks during a 12-month period.
- A facility operated by a religious organization where children are cared for not more than three hours while people responsible for the children are attending religious services.

"Family day care home" means a private home in which fewer than seven minor children are received for care and supervision for periods of less than 24 hours a day, unattended by a parent or legal guardian, except children related to an adult member of the family by blood, marriage, or adoption. "Family day care home" includes a home that gives care to an unrelated minor child for more than four weeks during a calendar year.

"Group day care home" means a private home in which more than six but not more than 12 minor children are given care and supervision for periods of less than 24 hours a day unattended by a parent or legal guardian, except children related to an adult member of the family by blood, marriage, or adoption. Group day care home includes a home that gives care to an unrelated minor child for more than four weeks during a calendar year.

Proposed MCL 722.121b

### **BACKGROUND**

The DCIS website currently includes information on choosing child care options; instructions on how to become licensed as a child care provider; rules and statutes that apply to child day care; requirements regarding CPR and first-aid as well as program director qualifications; and various child care system resources including disciplinary action and suspension reports and information on how to file a complaint (<http://www.michigan.gov/cis>).

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### **FISCAL IMPACT**

The bill would have no fiscal impact on State or local government.

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