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Senate Bill 724 (Substitute S-2 as reported by the Committee of the Whole)

Sponsor: Senator Mark C. Jansen

Committee: Families and Human Services

CONTENT

The bill would amend the child care licensing Act to require the Department of Human Services (DHS) to include in its database of child care centers, family child care homes, and group child care homes, the number and nature of any special investigations regarding a center or home that the DHS classified as high risk. That information would have to remain in the database for the entire time that the center or home maintained an active license or registration.

"Special investigation that the department classifies as high risk" would mean one in which the DHS becomes aware that one or more of the following conditions exist:

- -- Abuse or neglect is the suspected cause of a child's death.
- -- Abuse or neglect resulted in severe injury to a child.
- -- A child is the victim of suspected sexual abuse or exploitation.

The database also would have to include information that, upon completion of a special investigation, the DHS had determined that there were no substantiated rule violations.

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FISCAL IMPACT

Discussions with the Department of Human Services suggest that modifications to the database of licensed child care facilities to meet the requirements of Senate Bill 724 (S-2) could be accomplished without significant increase in staff or information technology resources. This suggests that there would be little to no fiscal impact associated with the bill.

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