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CONTENT

The bill would amend the child care licensing Act to require the Department of Human Services (DHS), in its database of child care centers, to maintain information regarding licensees and registrants covering a five-year period from the most recent licensing date, registration date, or renewal date.

The Act requires the DHS to maintain a database of child care centers, family child care homes, and group child care homes as a central clearinghouse for those seeking information on child care options. The database must include the following information regarding the child care center, family child care home, or group child care home:

- -- Its name, address, and telephone number.
- -- Its license or registration number, the effective date, and expiration date.
- -- The number and nature of any adverse action taken against it by the DHS.

Under the bill, the information regarding licensees or registrants would have to cover a fiveyear period from the most recent licensing date, registration date, or renewal date.

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FISCAL IMPACT

Current law requires the Department of Human Services to compile information in a central database for each licensed child day care facility. Current DHS policy requires that this information be maintained for a period of two years.

Senate Bill 724 would require the DHS to cover a period of five years in the child day care database. The bill would increase cost to the DHS by an indeterminate amount. This cost would be associated with additional staff time compiling data back five years for licensed facilities and the need for additional server space to maintain the database.

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