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House Bill 4708 (proposed substitute H-1)

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Sponsor: Rep. Luke Meerman

Committee: Families, Children and Seniors

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SUMMARY:

House Bill 4708 would amend section 8d of the Child Protection Law (CPL). Under current law, in investigating a report of child abuse or child neglect, the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) does not have to use its structured decision-making tool to determine the risk of future harm to a child for any of the following:

- A nonparent adult who lives outside the child's home.
- An owner, operator, volunteer, or employee of a licensed child care organization.
- An owner, operator, volunteer, or employee of a licensed or unlicensed adult foster care family home or adult foster care small group home.

If an individual listed above is found, by a preponderance of the evidence, to be the perpetrator of child abuse or neglect, DHHS must list them on the Central Registry.

The bill would add to the above list an owner, operator, volunteer, or employee of a license-exempt Child Development and Care Program child care provider.

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FISCAL IMPACT:

House Bill 4708 would have no fiscal impact on DHHS or local units of government.

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