

# SENATE BILL NO. 467

August 29, 2019, Introduced by Senators BULLOCK and BIZON and referred to the Committee on Families, Seniors and Veterans.

A bill to amend 1973 PA 116, entitled

"An act to provide for the protection of children through the licensing and regulation of child care organizations; to provide for the establishment of standards of care for child care organizations; to prescribe powers and duties of certain departments of this state and adoption facilitators; to provide penalties; and to repeal acts and parts of acts,"

by amending section 8b (MCL 722.118b), as amended by 2017 PA 257.

**THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:**

**1**       Sec. 8b. (1) Upon the recommendation of a local foster care



review board under section 7a of 1984 PA 422, MCL ~~722.137,~~  
**722.137a**, or of a child placing agency, the department may grant a  
 variance to 1 or more licensing rules or statutes regulating foster  
 family homes or foster family group homes ~~to~~ **for 1 or more of the**  
**following reasons:**

(a) To allow the child and 1 or more siblings to remain or be  
 placed together.

(b) To allow a child with an established meaningful  
 relationship with the family to remain with the family.

(c) To allow a family with special training or skills to  
 provide care to a child who has a severe disability.

(2) If the department determines that the placement would be  
 in the child's best interests and that the variance from the  
 particular licensing rules or statutes would not jeopardize the  
 health or safety of a child residing in the foster family home or  
 foster family group home, the department may grant the variance.

(3) ~~(2)~~—The department's grant of a variance does not change a  
 private home's licensure status.

Enacting section 1. This amendatory act does not take effect  
 unless all of the following bills of the 100th Legislature are  
 enacted into law:

(a) Senate Bill No. 466.

(b) Senate Bill No. 468.

(c) Senate Bill No. 469.

