

## FAMILY CHILD CARE NETWORKS

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**House Bill 5043 as introduced**

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**Committee: Families, Children and Seniors**

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### SUMMARY:

House Bill 5043 would create a new act to require the Michigan Department of Education (MDE) to establish, upon appropriation, family child care networks for home-based child care providers in every region of the state.

#### Development of framework

MDE would have to convene stakeholders to develop a framework for family child care networks based on the needs of *providers*. The framework would have to include at least all of the following:

- Business supports.
- Connections to peers.
- Operational supports.
- Program quality supports.
- Training and technical assistance.
- Engaging new providers.

***Provider*** would mean a home-based group child care home or family child care home licensed under 1973 PA 116, known as the child care licensing act. Currently under that act, a family child care home is defined as a private home where up to six children are taken care of and supervised for compensation for periods of less than 24 hours at a time, and a group child care home is a private home where seven to 12 children are provided that supervision and care.

#### Departmental responsibilities

MDE also would have to do at least all of the following:

- Upon appropriation, establish a family child care network in every *region* in the state.
- Require all networks to participate in the following:
  - A statewide community of practice.
  - Professional development for network staff.
  - Data collection and evaluation to measure success and improve network' responsiveness to providers.
- Require networks to connect to the state's existing child care infrastructure and its quality and licensing system.

***Region*** would mean one of at least four areas of the state as determined by MDE to provide technical assistance to child care providers.

MDE would have to submit an annual report of the activities and outcomes of each family child care network by region and the changes in the number of home-based providers in the state to the State Budget Office and the House and Senate appropriations committees on the MDE budget.

#### Network responsibilities

A family child care network would have to offer or connect providers to services that include at least all of the following:

- Individual coaching.
- Training and professional development, including supporting developmental screenings, health and nutrition, program quality, and early childhood mental health consultation.
- Connections to peers.
- Operational supports, including assistance with licensing, subsidy billing, and recruiting families.
- Business services, including tax preparation, policies and procedures, and human resources support.

#### **FISCAL IMPACT:**

The bill would increase costs for the state but would have no fiscal impact on local units of government.

MDE would incur administrative costs to establish and oversee the family child care networks and convene stakeholders to develop a framework for the network. Additionally, MDE would incur administrative costs to submit an annual report on activities and outcomes of each network by region and on the number of home-based providers in the state.

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