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Senate Bill 602 (as introduced 9-7-11)
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CONTENT

The bill would amend the child care licensing Act to prohibit licensed child care organizations from using window coverings with cords capable of forming a loop and posing a risk of strangulation.

Specifically, the minimum licensing requirements under the Act would have to include a prohibition on the use of window blinds or other window coverings with pull cords or inner cords capable of forming a loop and posing a risk of strangulation to a young child. Window blinds and other coverings manufactured or properly retrofitted in a manner that eliminated the formation of loops posing a risk of strangulation would not be prohibited.

The Department of Human Services (DHS) could provide information, as available, regarding reduced-cost or no-cost options for retrofitting or replacing unsafe window blinds and window coverings.

When developing and periodically reviewing minimum licensing requirements related to safety of the premises, the DHS Director would have to consult and give serious consideration to publications of the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission.

(The Act requires child care organizations to be licensed or registered by the DHS. Child care organizations include child care centers, day care centers, nursery schools, children's camps, foster homes, group homes, child care homes, child placing agencies, child caring institutions, and parent cooperative preschools.)

Proposed MCL 722.119b

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FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would have no fiscal impact on State or local government.

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