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Senate Bill 1317 (as reported without amendment)  
Sponsor: Senator William Van Regenmorter  
Committee: Families, Mental Health and Human Services

### **CONTENT**

The bill would amend the child care licensing Act to exempt from the definition of "child care center" or "day care center" a program administered through a community education program and operated and staffed by a public school for students enrolled in that school.

Under the Act, "child care center" or "day care center" means a facility, other than a private residence, that receives one or more preschool or school-aged children for care for periods of less than 24 hours a day, and where the parents or guardians are not immediately available to the child, including a facility that provides care for not less than two consecutive weeks, regardless of the number of hours of care per day. A facility is generally described as a child care center, day care center, day nursery, nursery school, parent cooperative, preschool, play group, or drop-in center. "Child care center" or "day care center" does not include either of the following:

- A Sunday school, a vacation bible school, or a religious instructional class that is conducted by a religious organization where children are in attendance for not more than three hours per day for an indefinite period, or not more than eight hours per day for a period not to exceed four weeks during a 12-month period.
- A facility operated by a religious organization where children are cared for not more than three hours while persons responsible for the children are attending religious services.

The bill would add to that list of exceptions a facility or program administered through a community education program that was operated by a public school for students enrolled in that school and in which the instructors were employed by the school district.

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### **FISCAL IMPACT**

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

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