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Senate Bill 1242 (as reported without amendment)
Sponsor: Senator Judy K. Emmons
Committee: Families, Seniors and Human Services

CONTENT

The bill would amend the child care licensing Act to do the following:

- Refer to current certification, rather than certification within a given period, in a requirement that certain child care facilities have on duty a person certified in first aid and age-appropriate cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR).
- Extend this requirement to a family child care home.
- Allow licensees' confidential records about children and their families to be made available to the State Court Administrative Office for the purpose of reviewing court processes in cases in which a child died.

Under the Act, a child caring institution, child care center, or group child care home must have on duty, at all times while the institution, center, or home is providing care to one or more children, at least one person who has been certified within the preceding 36 months in first aid and within the preceding 12 months in age-appropriate CPR. The bill would remove the time-frame for certification and would require instead that a person be "currently certified" in those areas. The bill also would include a family child care home in the requirement to have on duty a person certified in first aid and CPR.

The Act requires a licensee to keep records prescribed by the Department of Human Services (DHS) regarding each child in its control and care and to report, when requested, to the DHS facts it requires with reference to the children. Records regarding children and facts compiled about them and their parents and relatives are confidential, but are available to the Children's Ombudsman and a standing or select committee or appropriations subcommittee of either house of the Legislature having jurisdiction over child protective services matters. Under the bill, those records also would be available to the State Court Administrative Office's child welfare services division for the purpose of conducting internal reviews of court processes that occurred in cases in which a child died while under court jurisdiction.

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FISCAL IMPACT

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

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