

Legislative Analysis



SPECIAL INVESTIGATION INFORMATION IN THE CHILD CARE PROVIDER DATABASE

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House Bill 5045 as reported from committee
Sponsor: Rep. Rodney Wakeman
Committee: Families, Children and Seniors
Complete to 10-5-21

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SUMMARY:

House Bill 5045 would amend 1973 PA 116, known as the child care licensing act, to revise information that must be included in a database concerning certain child care providers licensed under the act.

The act now requires the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs (LARA) to establish and maintain a database of **child care centers**, **family child care homes**, and **group child care homes**¹ and specifies certain information that the database must include. The act also requires certain information in the database to be made available on the department's website for people looking for information on child care options.

Child care center means a facility that is not a private home that receives one or more children under 13 years of age for care for periods of less than 24 hours a day. Child care center includes a facility that provides care at least two consecutive weeks, regardless of the number of hours of care per day. The facility is generally described as a child care center, day care center, day nursery, nursery school, parent cooperative preschool, play group, before- or after-school program, or drop-in center.

Family child care home means 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.

Group child care home means a private home where seven to 12 children are provided that supervision and care.

Currently, the database must include the number and nature of any special investigations conducted by LARA regarding a facility described above, and this information must remain in the database as long as the licensee is licensed under the act. Under the bill, the database would still have to include that information, but it would no longer have to be retained as long as the licensee is licensed.

The bill would additionally require that the results of any special investigation conducted in the previous three years, and information on any corrective actions taken, be included in the database information that is provided to the public on the department's website.

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¹ For the full definitions of these terms, see <http://legislature.mi.gov/doc.aspx?mcl-722-111>

FISCAL IMPACT:

House Bill 5045 would not have a fiscal impact on any unit of state or local government, as the bill would simply require additional information to be included in an existing database.

POSITIONS:

A representative of the Grand Rapids Chamber testified in support of the bill. (9-28-21)

The following entities indicated support for the bill:

- Michigan Department of Education (9-21-21)
- Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs (9-21-21)
- Detroit Regional Chamber (9-21-21)
- Michigan Chamber (9-21-21)
- Northern Michigan Chamber Alliance (9-21-21)
- Talent 2025 (9-21-21)
- Michigan League for Public Policy (9-28-21)
- Childcare Providers Association of Michigan (9-21-21)

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