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# FISCAL NOTE

**Drafting Number:** LLS 18-1021  
**Prime Sponsors:** Sen. Priola

**Date:** March 20, 2018  
**Bill Status:** Senate Business  
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**Bill Topic:** RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATION CHILD CARE LICENSING EXEMPTION

**Summary of Fiscal Impact:**

<input type="checkbox"/> State Revenue	<input type="checkbox"/> TABOR Refund
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State Expenditure ( <i>minimal</i> )	<input type="checkbox"/> Local Government
<input type="checkbox"/> State Transfer	<input type="checkbox"/> Statutory Public Entity

This bill expands the length of time that churches can provide on-site child care and remain exempt from child care licensing. This bill will increase state workload in the current FY 2017-18 only.

**Appropriation Summary:** No appropriation is required.

**Fiscal Note Status:** This fiscal note reflects the introduced bill.

### Summary of Legislation

Under current law, churches, shopping centers, and businesses that operate child care facilities are exempt from child care licensing if they offer care for less than three hours in a 24 hour span while a parent is on the premises. This bill allows churches to provide on-site child care for a child for any length of time while a parent is attending a church service or program and remain exempt from child care licensing.

### Assumptions

Because churches are already exempt from child care licensing for short-term care provided while parents are at church, the fiscal note assumes that the bill will not affect the number of child care licenses issued by Department of Human Services (DHS).

### State Expenditures

For the current FY 2017-18 only, the Office of Early Childhood in the DHS will have an increase in workload to update licensing rules to reflect the changes in the bill. The increase in workload is expected to be minimal and can be accomplished within existing appropriations.

**Effective Date**

The bill takes effect upon signature of the Governor, or upon becoming law without his signature.

**State and Local Government Contacts**

Human Services

Information Technology