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**HB17-1135**

**FINAL  
FISCAL NOTE**

**FISCAL IMPACT:**  State  Local  Statutory Public Entity  Conditional  No Fiscal Impact

**Drafting Number:** LLS 17-0821  
**Prime Sponsor(s):** Rep. Bridges  
Sen. Priola

**Date:** June 8, 2017  
**Bill Status:** Signed into Law  
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**BILL TOPIC:** PORTABILITY BACKGROUND CHECKS CHILD CARE WORKERS

<b>Fiscal Impact Summary</b>	<b>FY 2017-2018</b>	<b>FY 2018-2019</b>
<b>State Revenue</b>		
Cash Funds	Minimal decrease.	
<b>State Expenditures</b>		
Cash Funds	Minimal workload decrease.	
<b>Appropriation Required:</b> None.		
<b>Future Year Impacts:</b> Ongoing minimal decrease in state revenue and workload.		

**Summary of Legislation**

This bill allows a child care worker in licensed child care facilities to undergo a single records check of the state child abuse and neglect database if he or she works at multiple facilities or is transferred between facilities that are wholly owned, operated, and controlled by a common ownership group or school district. Under current law, child care workers must undergo this child abuse and neglect records check for each licensed facility in which they work.

**Background**

Under current law, child care workers in licensed facilities must undergo both a fingerprint-based criminal history records check and a records check of the state child abuse and neglect database. Currently, child care workers may use the same fingerprint-based criminal history records check when transferring between or working at multiple locations within the same ownership group or school district. However, this portability of records check does not apply to the child abuse and neglect records check. In current practice, a multi-location child care provider may indicate up to five licensed locations at which a person may work when submitting an application for a check of the child abuse and neglect database.

**State Revenue**

The bill decreases cash fund revenue to the Records and Reports Fund in the Department of Human Services by a minimal amount. Currently, a child care provider or worker must pay a \$28 fee for the required check of child abuse and neglect records for each child care worker, which

may apply to up to five licensed locations. The expanded portability of child abuse and neglect records checks may reduce the number of records checks requested and the corresponding fee revenue by a minimal amount.

### **State Expenditures**

The bill reduces workload in the Department of Human Services by a minimal amount beginning in FY 2017-18. By expanding the portability of child abuse and neglect record checks, fewer record checks may be requested for child care workers in licensed facilities. This workload reduction in the Department of Human Services is assumed to be minimal and no change in appropriations is required.

### **Local Government Impact**

To the extent school districts and other local governments that operate licensed child care facilities pay for employee background checks, the portability provisions of the bill may reduce costs associated with assigning employees to, or transferring employees between, multiple child care locations. Overall, any savings incurred are assumed to be minimal.

### **Effective Date**

The bill was signed into law by the Governor on March 20, 2017, and takes effect August 9, 2017, assuming no referendum petition is filed.

### **State and Local Government Contacts**

Counties	Education	Human Services
Information Technology	Law	Public Safety
School Districts		