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Fiscal Note

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Prime Sponsors:	Sen. Holbert; Bridges Rep. Gray; Larson	Bill Status:	Senate Education
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Bill Topic: REGULATION OF CHILD CARE CENTERS

Summary of Fiscal Impact:

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

The bill updates regulations concerning inspections, medication, and emergency staffing for child care centers. The bill minimally impacts state and local workload.

Appropriation Summary: No appropriation is required.

Fiscal Note Status: The fiscal note reflects the introduced bill.

Summary of Legislation

The bill updates regulations on child care centers, as described below.

Child care centers in schools. The bill updates regulations for child care centers on the property of a public school, charter school, or institute charter school. Specifically, the bill clarifies that child care centers in a school do not need a separate fire code or sanitary standards inspection if the school has already received one in the last 12 months. In addition, the Department of Human Services (DHS) must accept proof of a valid certification from a National Playground Safety Certification Expert as it relates to playground facility inspections and requires inspectors to provide a copy of the inspection report to the school or district. Finally, the bill allows children enrolled in a child care center in a school to possess and self-administer certain medication if certain standards are met.

General child care center regulations. The bill also changes regulations for all child care centers. First, the DHS must accept a signed affidavit affirming compliance with record keeping requirements. The bill also allows child care centers in an emergency situation to have an employee who does not meet caregiver qualifications supervise children for a limited time.

State Expenditures

The bill will increase workload in the DHS to update rules regarding child care centers as mandated by the bill. This workload can be accomplished within existing appropriations. In addition, to the extent the bill streamlines sanitation inspections, the bill will decrease workload in the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment. Currently, the department conducts four inspections per year on child care centers in a school; therefore, any decrease in workload is assumed to be minimal.

Local Government

To the extent local fire districts conduct fewer fire code inspections, workload to local fire departments will decrease.

Effective Date

The bill takes effect 90 days following adjournment of the General Assembly sine die, assuming no referendum petition is filed.

State and Local Government Contacts

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