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# Final Fiscal Note

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<b>Drafting Number:</b>	LLS 21-0071	<b>Date:</b>	September 16, 2021
<b>Prime Sponsors:</b>	Sen. Holbert; Bridges Rep. Gray; Larson	<b>Bill Status:</b>	Signed into Law
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**Bill Topic:** REGULATION OF CHILD CARE CENTERS

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**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.

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

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**Fiscal Note Status:** The fiscal note reflects the enacted bill.

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## 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 or radon 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 an individual who is licensed or certified to perform playground safety inspection through the National Recreation and Park Association as it relates to playground facility inspections. The bill also requires agencies or entities that perform inspections of child care centers in schools to provide a copy of the inspection to the appropriate official of the school district or charter school. Finally, the bill allows children enrolled in a child care center in a school to possess and self-administer certain medication as prescribed by rules developed by DHS.

**General child care center regulations.** The bill allows a child care center, during an emergency circumstance, to permit a qualified employee who is not a qualified caregiver to supervise children for no more than two hours until the center can secure a qualified caregiver.

## **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 was signed into law by the Governor on May 13, 2021, and it took effect on September 7, 2021.

## **State and Local Government Contacts**

Education	Human Services
Information Technology	Municipalities
Public Health and Environment	Public Safety
School Districts	