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FISCAL NOTE

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

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BILL TOPIC: PORTABILITY BACKGROUND CHECKS CHILD CARE WORKERS

Fiscal Impact Summary	FY 2017-2018	FY 2018-2019
State Revenue		
Cash Funds	Minimal decrease.	
State Expenditures		
Cash Funds	Minimal workload decrease.	
TABOR Impact	Minimal decrease.	
Appropriation Required: None.		
Future Year Impacts: 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.

TABOR Impact

This bill reduces state revenue from fees by a minimal amount, which will reduce the amount of money required to be refunded under TABOR for FY 2017-18 and FY 2018-19. TABOR refunds are paid out of the General Fund. Since the bill reduces the TABOR refund obligation without a corresponding change in General Fund revenue, the amount of money available in the General Fund for the budget will increase by an identical 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 takes effect August 9, 2017, if the General Assembly adjourns on May 10, 2017, as scheduled, and no referendum petition is filed.

State and Local Government Contacts

Counties	Education	Human Services
Information Technology	Law	Public Safety
School Districts		