



OHIO LEGISLATIVE SERVICE COMMISSION

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Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

Bill: H.B. 383 of the 132nd G.A.

Status: As Introduced

Sponsor: Rep. Carfagna

Local Impact Statement Procedure Required: No

Subject: Notify parents of serious risks to children receiving child care

State & Local Fiscal Highlights

- The Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS) will experience minimal costs to promulgate rules to enforce the bill.
- Political subdivisions, such as school districts, that operate a child care program may experience minimal costs if required to provide the notice specified in the bill.

Detailed Fiscal Analysis

The bill requires child care providers licensed by the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS) to provide notice to the parents of enrolled children within 30 days of being found by ODJFS to pose a serious risk to the health or safety of a child receiving care. The notice may be furnished in writing or electronically. Political subdivisions that operate a child care program, such as a school district, may experience a minimal cost if required to provide the notice.

In FY 2016, ODJFS found 4,160 cases of serious risk noncompliances (SRNCs),¹ which are rule violations that may:

- Lead to the greatest risk of harm;
- Immediately endanger the health and safety of children while in care; or
- Cause death.

The top three SRNC violations in FY 2016 were for not properly checking criminal backgrounds of staff (794), improper ratios of staff to children (760), and improper care of children with health conditions (639). The bill requires the ODJFS Director to adopt rules in order to enforce this section. It is not clear if all SRNCs will be grounds to require a provider to send the notice. ODJFS will experience a minimal increase in administrative costs to promulgate rules.

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¹ Ohio Department of Job and Family Services. Office of Family Assistance. "Child Care Licensing Report." State Fiscal Year 2016. <http://jfs.ohio.gov/cdc/docs/2016ChildCareLicensingReport.stm>. The SRNC violations apply to licensed child day-care centers and type A family day-care homes.