

FINAL BILL REPORT

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Synopsis as Enacted

Brief Description: Regarding licensing requirements for child care centers located in publicly owned or operated buildings.

Sponsors: House Committee on Education Appropriations & Oversight (originally sponsored by Representatives Frockt, Eddy, Dickerson, Carlyle, Maxwell, Fitzgibbon, Roberts, Pedersen, Hudgins, Ryu, Kenney and Stanford).

House Committee on Early Learning & Human Services
House Committee on Education Appropriations & Oversight
Senate Committee on Human Services & Corrections

Background:

The Department of Early (DEL) regulates child care in Washington. The DEL licenses three categories of child care providers: family homes, child care centers, and school-age centers. Separate sets of licensing rules are used to regulate each type of provider. Some features related to each provider type include:

- *Family home child care providers* care for children up to 11 years of age in a home setting.
- *Child care centers* provide care for children up to 12 years of age. These centers operate in commercial, privately owned, school, or faith-based facilities.
- *School-age centers* care for children ages 5 through 12. These centers usually operate in a school setting, but can be located in commercial, privately owned, or faith-based facilities.

The DEL's licensing rules operate in accordance with accepted fire and building code standards that apply to any given facility type. These codes may vary by geographic location and are determined by various jurisdictions. The DEL has a process in place to waive some licensing requirements in some cases.

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School boards are authorized to establish and maintain preschools and to provide before- and after-school care and vacation care in connection with schools in their districts. School boards may establish regulations governing preschools and before- and after-school care.

Summary:

The DEL is required to use an interagency process to address health and safety requirements for child care programs for school-age children operated in buildings that contain public or private schools that safely serve children during times that school is in session. The DEL is required to consult with the State Fire Marshal as part of the interagency process.

Votes on Final Passage:

House	62	35	
Senate	49	0	(Senate amended)
House	71	25	(House concurred)

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