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**SSB 6297** - H COMM AMD

By Committee on Human Services & Early Learning

Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the following:

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NEW SECTION. **Sec.**  (1) Section 1 of this act takes effect only if chapter . . . (Substitute House Bill No. 2556), Laws of 2020 is enacted by the effective date of this section.

(2) Section 2 of this act takes effect only if chapter . . . (Substitute House Bill No. 2556), Laws of 2020 is not enacted by the effective date of this section.

Correct the title.

EFFECT: (1) Changes the date by which a provider must have been employed by a licensed child care center or home, or both, for a total of seven years from August 1, 2024, to August 1, 2026. This change is contingent upon passage of Substitute House Bill No. 2556.

(2) Adds expiration dates.