

SENATE BILL REPORT

SB 5545

As of February 10, 2025

Title: An act relating to exempting family home providers overseen and certified by a federal military service from child care licensing.

Brief Description: Exempting family home providers overseen and certified by a federal military service from child care licensing.

Sponsors: Senators Riccelli, Holy, Christian, Conway, Nobles and Valdez.

Brief History:

Committee Activity: Early Learning & K-12 Education: 2/12/25.

Brief Summary of Bill

- Exempts a family home provider located off a federal military reservation that is overseen and currently certified by a federal military service from child-care licensing by the Department of Children, Youth, and Families.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON EARLY LEARNING & K-12 EDUCATION

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Background: State law makes it unlawful for an agency to care for children unless the agency is licensed by the Department of Children, Youth, and Families (DCYF).

"Agency" means any person, firm, partnership, association, corporation, or facility that provides child care and early learning services outside a child's own home, which includes family home providers.

"Family home provider" means a child-care provider who regularly provides early childhood education and early learning services for not more than 12 children at any given

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time in the provider's home in the family living quarters. DCYF may waive the 12 children limit if certain conditions are met.

State law provides exceptions for the term agency, which exempts these entities from child-care licensing. A program located on a federal military reservation is not an agency for the purpose of child-care licensing.

Summary of Bill: A family home provider located off a federal military reservation that is overseen and currently certified by a federal military service is not an agency, which exempts this type of provider from child-care licensing by DCYF.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Requested on February 6, 2025.

Creates Committee/Commission/Task Force that includes Legislative members: No.

Effective Date: Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.