

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 1163 - SB 1302

March 8, 2013

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires all persons or entities operating a child care agency, excluding drop-in child care centers and those programs and facilities exempt from licensing, to develop a written multi-hazard plan to protect children in the event of emergencies including, but not limited to, fires, tornados, earthquakes, chemical spills, and floods in consultation with appropriate local authorities and local emergency management. The child care agency is required to implement these emergency procedures through timely practice drills to meet local regulations and local emergency services plans and to maintain documentation of drills for one year. A child care agency is required to post emergency telephone numbers for various emergency assistance providers and hotlines next to all child care agency telephones and readily available to all child care agency staff members. A child care agency is required to make all contact information for parents, guardians, and emergency personnel readily available to all child care agency staff, including work, home and cell phone numbers.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- According to the Department of Human Services, any action by the Department to help coordinate consultations between child care agencies and local authorities and local emergency management can be accommodated within the existing resources of the Department without an increased appropriation or reduced reversion.
- It is estimated that additional monitoring by licensing staff can be accommodated within the existing resources of the Department of Human Services without an increased appropriation or reduced reversion.
- It is estimated that any increase in local government expenditures resulting from cooperation with child care agencies in the development of multi-hazard plans will be not significant.

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CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lucian D. Geise". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Lucian" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Geise".

Lucian D. Geise, Executive Director

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