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SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL: Requires the Department of Human Services (DHS) to create a fund, with a beginning balance of no less than \$10,000,000, to provide unlicensed care providers in counties with populations of less than 50,000, according to the 2010 federal census or any subsequent federal census, with financial assistance to make facility upgrades needed for licensure.

Authorizes child care providers in counties with populations of less than 50,000 to provide care for between five and ten children without a license if the provider: (1) receives a signed waiver from a parent of each child stating that the parent is aware the care provider is not licensed; (2) certifies that each staff member has completed at least 10 hours of childcare training; and (3) meets the adult:child ratios required of licensed child care agencies. Requires DHS to create and make the waiver form available for free on the department's website.

Changes the allowed weekly attendance time for a child in a "Parent's Day Out" or similar program operated by a religious institution or organization from not more than six hours of each of two days, to not more than 12 hours in any block of time desired within a calendar week.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

Increase State Expenditures - \$10,101,900/FY20-21
\$93,900/FY21-22 and Subsequent Years

Other Fiscal Impact – The extent to which federal Child Care and Development Fund funding will be available, if at all, to fund the one-time \$10,000,000 appropriation for facility upgrades is unknown and cannot be determined with reasonable certainty.

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (016883): Deletes all language after the enacting clause. Changes the allowed weekly attendance time for a child in a "Parent's Day Out" or similar program operated by a religious institution or organization from not more than six hours of each of two days, to not more than 12 hours in any block of time desired within a calendar week.

Authorizes DHS to permit department-registered "family child care homes" or "group child care homes" as defined in Tenn. Code Ann. § 71-3-501, to provide care for children prior to licensure, for up to a total of 12 months within a period of 18 months during the licensure process. Requires a registered family or group home provider to meet the health and safety requirements

under the federal Child Care and Development Block Grant Act, and the Child Care Development Fund.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- This legislation does not create a new category of child care providers or alter the criteria for any existing category; therefore, it is assumed DHS can execute the vetting of applicants necessary to comply with the requirements of this legislation utilizing existing resources in the normal course of business.
- The time and resources needed to monitor the “Parent’s Day Out” or similar programs for compliance with the new attendance requirements will be absorbed within existing DHS resources.
- Any impact to state government is estimated to be not significant.

CERTIFICATION:

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



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