

HB 3394 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Human Services

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Meeting Dates: 5/2

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Modifies requirements of Office of Child Care regarding services provided by resource and referral entities. Requires resource and referral entity to match funds as required by Early Learning Council by rule. Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Child care facilities are entities providing child care to children and include day nurseries, nursery school, child care centers, certified or registered family child care homes, or similar entities operating under any name. Child care providers must be licensed, registered, or certified with the Office of Child Care (OCC) within the Early Learning Division (ELD) of the Department of Education. The Early Learning Council (ELC) is the governing body overseeing the ELD. The OCC is required to implement a resource and referral system that must provide services including: training and technical assistance for child care providers; referrals for parents or guardians seeking child care; and recruitment of qualified individuals to meet the child care needs of a community.

House Bill 3394 A modifies the requirements of the OCC resource and referral system by requiring training and technical assistance, referrals for parents or guardians, or recruitment of qualified individuals. The measure also requires resource and referral entities to match funds as required by the ELC by rule.

House vote: 59 - 0 - 1 - 0