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To: Education Subcommittee

From: Julie Neburka, Legislative Fiscal Office

Date: May 25, 2023

Subject: HB 2717 – Relating to outdoor preschool programs
Work Session Recommendations

Outdoor child care programs, also called outdoor preschools, are programs for young children that provide educational programming in an outdoor setting. Operators of child care programs are required by law to comply with regulations issued by the Office of Child Care, but those regulations currently do not allow for programs that operate fully outdoors. HB 2717-A adds “outdoor child care program” to the definition for “child care facility.” The measure grants authority to the Department of Early Learning and Care (DELIC) to license and oversee outdoor child care programs as defined in the measure. The measure amends current statute to add minimum facility standards and practices for family child care homes, child care centers and outdoor childcare programs. The measure takes effect July 1, 2025, but the Department and the Early Learning Council are permitted to take any action necessary to prepare for implementation prior to that date.

Recommended Changes

LFO recommends adoption of the –A3 amendment, which appropriates \$65,496 General Fund and adds one position (0.25 FTE) to the Department of Early Learning and Care for licensing outdoor child care programs.

MOTION: I move adoption of the –A3 amendment to HB 2717A. (VOTE)

Final Subcommittee Action

LFO recommends that HB 2717A, as amended by the –A3 amendment, be moved to the Ways and Means Full Committee.

MOTION: I move HB 2717A, as amended, to the Full Committee with a do pass recommendation. (VOTE)

Carriers

Full Committee: _____

House Floor: _____

Senate Floor: _____