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(Delegate Charles)

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**State Board for Certification of Residential Child Care Program Professionals -
Certification - Revisions**

This bill requires the State Board for Certification of Residential Child Care Program Professionals to maintain an electronic roster of all individuals certified by the board for purposes of electronically verifying certification. The roster must be posted on the board's website. An individual without website access may contact the board to verify a certificate. The bill repeals the requirement that the board indicate in a renewal notice the date by which a renewal application must be mailed before the certificate expires.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: The bill's requirements can be handled with existing budgeted resources. Revenues are not affected.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law/Background: The State Board for Certification of Residential Child Care Program Professionals is the State certification authority for residential child care program administrators (RCCPAs) and residential child and youth care practitioners (RCYCP).

To qualify as an RCCPA, an individual must (1) be of good moral character; (2) complete a State and national criminal history check and a child protective services background

clearance; (3) be at least 21 years old; (4) have earned a bachelor's degree and have at least four years of experience in the field and three years in a supervisory capacity, or a master's degree and have at least two years of experience in the field and one year in a supervisory capacity; and (5) pass an examination given by the board.

To qualify as an RCYCP, an individual must (1) be of good moral character; (2) complete a State and national criminal history check and a child protective services background clearance; (3) be at least 21 years old, or at least 18 years old if they have earned an associate's or bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university; (4) have a high school diploma or equivalent and have completed an approved training program, or at least two years of experience in the field or an associate's or bachelor's degree; and (5) pass an examination given by the board.

Currently, the board maintains a file with an applicant's current resident address and employment address, and updates these records whenever a change occurs. At least one month before an individual's certificate expires, the board sends a renewal notice to the last known electronic or physical address of the RCCPA or RCYCP. The renewal notice must indicate (1) the date on which the current certificate expires; (2) the date by which the renewal application must be received by the board for the renewal to be issued and mailed before the certificate expires; and (3) the amount of the renewal fee.

The general public does not currently have a way to verify if an RCCPA or RCYCP is certified by the board. The majority of health occupations boards provide electronic rosters on their respective websites that allow consumers to verify an individual's licensure or certification.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Designated Cross File: None.

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