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FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 1381 (Delegate Hecht)

Judiciary

**Criminal Background Investigations - Care and Supervision of Children -
Substitute Employee Pools**

This bill expands the definition of “employer” to include an association of child care centers that establishes and maintains a pool of individuals who are qualified to work as substitute or temporary employees in a child care facility. The bill requires an employee of such an association who works with children in a child care facility to obtain a national and State criminal history records check.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: The bill would not substantively change State activities or operations.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: Minimal.

Analysis

Current Law: “Employer” means an owner, operator, proprietor, or manager of a child care facility who has frequent contact with children who are cared for or supervised in the facility.

A criminal history records check is required, by statute, for an employer or employee in facilities such as child care centers, family day care homes, juvenile correction centers, and schools. An employer at a child care facility may require a volunteer to obtain a criminal history records check.

State Fiscal Effect: The increase in required criminal history records checks resulting from

the bill is not expected to be significant. The total cost for a national and State criminal history records check and fingerprinting is currently \$52.00. This cost would be borne by applicants.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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