



S.B. 38

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(As Introduced)

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BILL SUMMARY

- Establishes the type C family day-care home pilot project originally created by Sub. H.B. 62 of the 121st General Assembly as an ongoing program.

CONTENT AND OPERATION

Background

Sub. H.B. 62 of the 121st General Assembly required the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS) to establish a two-year pilot project under which a person providing child day-care in Paulding County to one to nine children at one time may obtain certification as a type C family day-care home and be exempt from type A home licensing requirements.¹ Am. Sub. S.B. 160 of the 121st General Assembly lengthened the pilot project to three years and expanded it to six additional counties in Northwest Ohio: Defiance, Fulton, Henry, Putnam, Van Wert, and Williams. Under S.B. 160 the pilot project was to end March 28, 2000, however, Sub. H.B. 407 of the 123rd General Assembly extended it an additional three years until March 2003.

To obtain type C home certification, a child day-care provider must apply to a county director of job and family services and meet all the requirements for type B home certification, except for any requirements limiting to six the number of children who may receive child day-care at one time. Other requirements apply as well, including a prohibition against providing publicly funded child day-care.

¹ Not more than six of the children cared for in a type C family day-care home may be under age six. The remaining children must be enrolled in school and may be cared for only when school is not in session.

Type C family day-care program

The bill removes the expiration date for the pilot project and makes it an ongoing program. The bill does not change the conditions a child day-care provider must meet to obtain type C home certification.

Day-care Advisory Council's report and recommendations

H.B. 62 of the 121st General Assembly, as subsequently amended, requires the Day-Care Advisory Council² to review the effectiveness of the type C family day-care home pilot project and issue a report of its findings and recommendations three months prior to the termination date of the pilot project to the Governor, President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives. For the purposes of conducting reviews, investigations, and discussions regarding the project, the Council is required to include the following six additional members:

- Two persons who are parents, guardians, or custodians of children receiving private child day-care in a certified type C home;
- Two operators of certified type C homes;
- Two representatives from county departments of job and family services of Paulding, Defiance, Fulton, Henry, Putnam, Van Wert, or Williams counties.

Current law provides that the additional Council members cease to be members after the Council has submitted its report. The bill requires the Council to issue its report no later than December 31, 2003 and every two years thereafter. The additional members are to remain members of the Council.

² *The Day-Care Advisory Council consists of 18 members appointed by the Director of ODJFS and approved by the Governor: six members representing licensed day-care centers; at least three members who are parents, guardians, or custodians of children in day-care; three members representing in-home aides, type A homes, certified type B homes, or type B homes or head start programs; at least two representatives of county departments of job and family services; and members represent the teaching, child development, and health professions, and other individuals interested in child welfare. (R.C. 5104.08 (not in the bill).)*

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