
DIGEST

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Abstract: Provides relative to the inspection of family and in-home child care providers.

Present law requires that a family child care provider (an individual who provides child care services for fewer than 24 hours per day per child, as the sole caregiver, for six or fewer children, in a private residence) and an in-home provider (an individual who provides child care services in the child's own home) to register with the state Dept. of Education (DOE) if the provider receives state or federal funds related to the care.

Proposed law retains present law.

Present law requires each such child care provider to be inspected by DOE, through authorized agents, and by the office of state fire marshal (the office).

Proposed law requires instead that the inspection performed by DOE authorized agents include a fire and safety inspection and removes the requirement that providers be inspected by the office. Requires the office to audit the inspections by DOE and requires DOE to transfer funds to the office to cover such audits.

Proposed law repeals present law providing for a \$30 per year fee collected by the office for such inspections.

Present law provides relative to licensing and regulation of child day care centers, which provide care, supervision, and guidance of seven or more children unaccompanied by parent or legal custodian on a regular basis for at least 12.5 hours in a continuous seven-day week.

Proposed law is not applicable to child day care centers.

(Adds R.S. 17:407.65(D); Repeals R.S. 17:407.64(B) and 407.66 and R.S. 40:1563.2)