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

<u>Present law</u> 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.

<u>Present law</u> requires each such child care provider to be inspected and approved by the office of state fire marshal (the office).

<u>Proposed law</u> requires the office to conduct initial inspections of new and relocated facilities and subsequent inspections triennially. Requires annual inspections by the office's agents and audits of those inspections by the office.

Proposed law increases an annual fee collected by the office for such inspections from \$30 to \$40.

<u>Present law</u> authorizes use of funds collected from the fee for inspection personnel. <u>Proposed law</u> additionally authorizes use of such funds for audits of inspections and for supportive technologies.

<u>Present law</u> 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.

(Amends R.S. 17:407.62(7), 407.64(B), and 407.66(A)(2) and R.S. 40:1563.2; Adds R.S. 17:407.62(8) and (9))