



S.F. No. 1232 – Modifying the modernization of family child care regulations

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Section 1 (amends Laws 2021, First Special Session chapter 7, article 2, section 81; Family child care regulation modernization) modifies the modernization of family child care regulations, including changing all the references to the commissioner of human services to the commissioner of children, youth, and families.

Paragraph (a) does not allow the commissioner of children, youth, and families to contract with the National Association for Regulatory Administration to perform the work required under this section.

Paragraph (b) requires the proposed new standards to protect the health and safety of children and be child-centered, family friendly, and fair to providers. This requirement was moved from paragraph (c).

Paragraph (c) requires the consultant to work with stakeholders and the Department of Children, Youth, and Families according to the stakeholder engagement process under paragraph (d). Removes the requirement that the proposal be grounded in national regulatory best practices.

Paragraph (d) requires the consultant and commissioner to engage with working groups of licensed family child care providers at least five times throughout the stakeholder engagement process.

Paragraph (e) removes parents from who the consultant must solicit input from and removes the requirement that certain key indicators must be used to determine which family child care providers should be eligible for abbreviated inspections.

Paragraph (f) pushes the submission of the report by the commissioner to February 1, 2026.

Paragraph (g) requires any proposals developed under paragraphs (b) and (c), any documents used in the stakeholder engagement process, and the report to be made available in additional languages.

Paragraph (h) prohibits the updated family child care licensing standards and the risk-based model for monitoring compliance with licensing standards from being implemented any earlier than January 1, 2027.



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