

**Committee on Children, Families,  
And Elder Affairs**

**CS/CS/HB 139 — Child Care Facilities**

by Health and Human Services Committee; Health and Human Services Access Subcommittee; and Rep. Ahern (CS/CS/SB 364 by Commerce and Tourism Committee; Children, Families, and Elder Affairs Committee; and Senator Latvala)

This bill creates a definition for “household children” in ch. 402, F.S., providing that the supervision of household children belonging to a family day care or large family child care home operator is to be left to the discretion of the operator, unless the children receive subsidized child care through the School Readiness Program to be in the home. The bill also amends the definitions of “family day care home” and “large family child care home” to require that household children under the age of 13 be included in the capacity calculation of those homes when the child is on the premises of the home or on a field trip with children enrolled in child care.

The bill expands the requirements for advertising by prohibiting a person from advertising a child care facility, family day care home, or large family child care home without including the license or registration number of the facility or home.

Lastly, the bill allows a Gold Seal Quality Care provider to correct any Class III violations for which it is cited within one year from the date of the violation before losing its Gold Seal designation or becoming ineligible for such designation.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect July 1, 2011.

*Vote: Senate 37-0; House 116-0*