

By Representative Lynn

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to child care facilities;
3 requiring the Department of Children and Family
4 Services to establish a database of information
5 relating to violations, citations, and
6 penalties imposed against child care facilities
7 regulated by the state; specifying database
8 capabilities and uses of information contained
9 therein; providing an effective date.

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11 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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13 Section 1. The Department of Children and Family
14 Services shall establish and maintain a central database to
15 record and compile all district information relating to
16 violations, citations, and penalties imposed against child
17 care facilities regulated by the department. The database
18 shall be operated in a manner that enables the department to
19 identify and locate such information for purposes of
20 monitoring and evaluating the uniformity and effectiveness of
21 district investigations and enforcement, in order to ensure
22 compliance of child care facilities with state regulatory
23 requirements. The database shall further maintain and produce
24 aggregate statistical reports monitoring patterns of
25 violations, citations, and penalties, including the classes
26 and types of violations, and any actions taken to suspend or
27 revoke the license of a child care facility. The information
28 in the database shall serve as a resource for the evaluation
29 of child care facilities for license renewal but may not be
30 used for employment screening. The information in the database
31 shall be made available to the public upon request.

1 Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a
2 law.

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5 HOUSE SUMMARY

6 Requires the Department of Children and Family Services
7 to establish and maintain a database to monitor
8 violations, citations, and penalties imposed against
9 child care facilities regulated by the state. Specifies
certain capabilities of the database and uses of the
information contained therein.

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