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~~House Bill 5583 (Substitute S-1 as reported)~~

House Bill 5584 (Substitute S-2 as reported)

Sponsor: Representative Joanne Voorhees (House Bill 5583)

Representative Gilda Jacobs (House Bill 5584)

House Committee: Education

Senate Committee: Families, Mental Health and Human Services

CONTENT

House Bill 5583 (S-1) would amend the Revised School Code to provide that, beginning July 1, 2003, if a school district or intermediate school district (ISD) operated or contracted for the operation of a before- or after-school program for children in grades K-8 that met certain criteria, the program would not be a "child care center" (which requires licensure under the child care licensing Act).

A before- or after-school program would have to have at least two adult program staff members present at all times when children were present, and would have to have a child-to-adult program staff member ratio as specified in the bill for grades K-3 and for grades 4-8. Within three months after beginning work in a program, an adult program staff member would have to hold valid certification in CPR and basic first aid.

A before- or after-school program would have to be located at school in facilities comparable to rooms used by pupils during the school day; and provide daily activities and relationships that offered opportunities for physical, social, and intellectual development. If a district used its employees to staff the program, it would have to comply with the Code's criminal history and criminal record check requirements; if a district contracted for operation of the program, the contract would have to include requirements for criminal history and criminal record checks. The district or ISD board would have to develop, adopt, and annually review a policy for the program that, at a minimum, addressed safety procedures, discipline, dispensing and storing medication, and access to student emergency information and telephones. The board would have to make copies of the policy available to the public.

By March 1, 2003, the Department of Education, in consultation with the Department of Consumer and Industry Services, would have to develop and make publicly available a model before- or after-school program policy. Beginning July 1, 2003, a district or ISD board would have to ensure that any written information published or distributed by the district concerning a before- or after-school program it operated, stated whether the program followed or deviated from standards in the State model.

House Bill 5584 (S-2) would amend the child care licensing Act to provide that, beginning July 1, 2003, the Act's definition of "child care center" would not include a facility or program for school age children that was operated at school by a public school or by a person or entity with whom a public school contracted for services, in accordance with House Bill 5583.

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FISCAL IMPACT

The bills would have no fiscal impact on State or local government.

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