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L.D. 1661

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HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
128TH LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1146, L.D. 1661, "Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 33: Rule Relating to the Licensing of Family Child Care Providers, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Health and Human Services, Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention"

Amend the resolve in section 1 in the last line (page 1, line 19 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "authorized." and inserting the following: 'authorized only if:'

Amend the resolve in section 1 by adding at the end the following:

1. The requirement that providers must share information with parents regarding policies of parental visitation at the child care site in Section 5.C.11.b is removed from that section and a requirement that providers must allow parents to be able to visit and observe any time during the hours of operation is added to the rule;

2. In Section 8.A of the rule, the language stating that provider-child ratios are not based on the developmental stages in the definition section is removed;

3. In Section 8.A.1 of the rule, the ratios for mixed ages for one provider include the ratio of 8 children aged 2 to 5 years and 2 children aged more than 5 years;

4. In Section 8.A.3.a of the rule, the age of the children of the licensee that are counted in the provider-child ratio and included in the licensed capacity is changed from under the age of 3 to under the age of 4;

5. In Section 14.E.2.b of the rule, the language requiring climbers, swings and slides to be 6 feet from any hard surfaces is removed and replaced with a requirement that the climbers, swings and slides be located at a sufficient distance to prevent injury;

6. In Section 14.E.3 of the rule, the requirement for equipment that exceeds 36 inches in height is amended to specify that the equipment exceeds 36 inches at the climbable or standing surface;

7. In Section 14.E.3 of the rule, the requirement that the rubber tiles and mats used must be approved by the American Society for Testing and Materials is removed;

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT



Approved: 03/09/18 *MRC*

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Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment 'A' (H-675)

Committee: Health and Human Services

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - General Fund

Fiscal Detail and Notes

Any additional costs to the Department of Health and Human Services to adopt the changes in this bill are expected to be minor and can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.