

**LEGISLATIVE EDUCATION STUDY COMMITTEE
BILL ANALYSIS**

Bill Number: HB 603a

50th Legislature, 1st Session, 2011

Tracking Number: .185349.1

Short Title: Child Care Registry

Sponsor(s): Representative Eleanor Chávez and Others

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Date: March 7, 2011

AS AMENDED

The Health and Government Affairs Committee amendment changes the reference to required training to reflect the 45 hour class instead of the 40 hour class in the original bill.

Original Bill Summary:

HB 603 creates a new section in the *Children, Youth and Families Act* to require the Children, Youth and Families Department (CYFD) to develop and maintain a statewide database of early childhood educators who are employed by child-care centers that participate in state or federal child-care assistance programs.

For each applicable early childhood educator, the database shall include the following information:

- the early childhood educator's name;
- the employing child-care center's name;
- whether the early childhood educator has completed the required 40-hour class and 24 hours of on-site training;
- the number of professional development or relevant training hours accrued by the early childhood educator in the current calendar year;
- the early childhood educator's status; and
- the number of years that the early childhood educator has provided child care.

Fiscal Impact:

HB 603 does not contain an appropriation.

As of March 7, 2011, an FIR was not available.

Fiscal Issues:

The bill analysis from the CYFD states:

- CYFD currently contracts with UNM (the NM Kids Network) to manage and maintain a database that includes licensed child-care centers, licensed family home child-care providers and registered family home child-care providers;

- HB 603 bill requires additional data and data fields to be added to the existing database; and
- the one-time cost of modifying the existing database, plus staff time necessary to provide the information, and any additional recurring maintenance and update fees, would be absorbed by existing resources.

Technical Issues:

The bill analysis from CYFD notes, “Page 2, Line 6 should read forty-five hour course instead of a forty hour course.”

Substantive Issues:

The bill analysis from CYFD states, “This bill applies only to child-care centers and licensed family child-care providers. Its application does not appear to extend to home-based providers, whether licensed or registered.”

Related Bills:

HB 449 *Child Care Provider Collective Bargaining*
SB 448 *Child Care or Pre-K Program Requirements*