

**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

**Analyst:** Craig J. Johnson

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**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*