

HF1915 - 1E - Child Care Security Camera Requirement Established

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| State Fiscal Impact | Yes | No |
|---------------------------|-----|----|
| Expenditures | X | |
| Fee/Departmental Earnings | | X |
| Tax Revenue | | X |
| Information Technology | | X |
| Local Fiscal Impact | | X |

This table shows direct impact to state government only. Local government impact, if any, is discussed in the narrative. Reductions shown in the parentheses.

| State Cost (Savings) | Biennium | | | Biennium | | |
|-----------------------|----------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| | Dollars in Thousands | FY2025 | FY2026 | FY2027 | FY2028 | FY2029 |
| General Fund | - | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 |
| Total | - | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 |
| Biennial Total | | | 500 | | | 500 |

| Full Time Equivalent Positions (FTE) | Biennium | | | Biennium | |
|--------------------------------------|----------|--------|--------|----------|--------|
| | FY2025 | FY2026 | FY2027 | FY2028 | FY2029 |
| General Fund | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total | - | - | - | - | - |

LBO Analyst's Comment

I have reviewed this fiscal note for reasonableness of content and consistency with the LBO's Uniform Standards and Procedures.

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State Cost (Savings) Calculation Details

This table shows direct impact to state government only. Local government impact, if any, is discussed in the narrative. Reductions are shown in parentheses.

*Transfers In/Out and Absorbed Costs are only displayed when reported.

| State Cost (Savings) = 1-2 | | Biennium | | | Biennium | |
|--|----------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Dollars in Thousands | FY2025 | FY2026 | FY2027 | FY2028 | FY2029 | |
| General Fund | - | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | |
| Total | - | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 |
| Biennial Total | | | 500 | | | 500 |
| 1 - Expenditures, Absorbed Costs*, Transfers Out* | | | | | | |
| General Fund | - | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | |
| Total | - | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 |
| Biennial Total | | | 500 | | | 500 |
| 2 - Revenues, Transfers In* | | | | | | |
| General Fund | - | - | - | - | - | |
| Total | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Biennial Total | | | - | | | - |

Bill Description

This bill requires licensed child care centers to have video security cameras to monitor and record infants and toddlers in all public and shared areas of the facility as well as at least one camera in each room designated for infants or toddlers. The bill includes standards for how the video security camera must be operated and requirements for display resolution and frame per second rates.

This bill requires licensed child care centers to retain video security camera recordings for 60 days after the date of the recording, with longer retention in certain cases like notification of a suspected crime. The bill includes standards and requirements for the recordings and retention and written policies regarding the center’s use of video security cameras and notifications.

HF 1915 includes privacy standards and requires licensed child care centers to have written policies on their use of video security cameras. The bill includes retention requirements in the case of suspected crimes, incidents, and training for center employees, and sets standards regarding retention, disposal, and dissemination. The bill specifies conditions for fix-it tickets, correction orders, or orders of conditional license when the only source of evidence for the violation is video security camera recordings reviewed as part of an investigation.

Additionally, the bill specifies that footage collected or maintained by the commissioner is classified as welfare data under M.S. 13.46.

Finally, the bill includes \$250,000 per year for grants to child care centers for equipment needed to comply with the bill.

Assumptions

DCYF assumes that this bill would not require substantial action or work on the part of the state. Currently, DHS maltreatment and licensing investigators will review videos, if available, during an investigation; HF 1915 would not change that process. Thus, no cost to the agency is assumed. This work will transfer to DCYF in June 2025. If any costs were going to be incurred, they would be assigned to DCYF.

DCYF assumes that existing agency resources to support grants to providers will be used to manage the grant program in Section 3 of the bill.

DCYF assumes no IT systems changes would be required to implement the bill.

Expenditure and/or Revenue Formula

| Fiscal Tracking Summary (\$000s) | | | | | | |
|----------------------------------|------|---|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Fund | BACT | Description | FY26 | FY27 | FY28 | FY29 |
| GF | 43 | Grants to child care centers for equipment needed to comply | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 |
| | | Total Net Fiscal Impact | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 |
| | | Full Time Equivalents | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

Long-Term Fiscal Considerations

N/A

Local Fiscal Impact

N/A

References/Sources

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