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Overview

This bill makes changes to provisions relating to child care staff variances, child care license holder insurance requirements, and licensing investigations. The bill also requires the Commissioner of Human Services to take steps related to child care licensing reform.

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- 1** **Variations.** Amends § 245A.04, subd. 9. Requires the commissioner to consider variances for child care center staff qualifications that do not affect health and safety.
- 2** **Denial of application.** Amends § 245A.05. Requires the notification of licensure denial to state the reasons for the denial in plain language. Makes this section effective January 1, 2019.
- 3** **Contents of correction orders and conditional licenses.** Amends § 245A.06, subd. 1. Requires that a correction order or conditional license state specified information in plain language; requires the conditional license to state the reasons for making the license conditional. Makes this section effective January 1, 2019.
- 4** **License suspension, revocation, or fine.** Amends § 245A.07, subd. 3. Requires a notice of license suspension, revocation, or fine to state the reasons the license was suspended or revoked, or a fine ordered, in plain language. Makes this section effective January 1, 2019.
- 5** **Specialized infant and toddler family child care.** Amends § 245A.14 by adding subd. 4a. Allows specified licensed group family day care programs to operate as specified family day care programs on days when only one caregiver is present.
- 6** **Information for child care license holders.** Amends § 245A.1434. Requires that communications informing child care license holders of changes to state and federal statute,

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rule, regulation, and policy be in plain language. Makes this section effective January 1, 2019.

- 7 **Child care license holder insurance.** Amends § 245A.152. Modifies the circumstances under which a child care license holder must provide written notice to parents for insurance changes. Specifies that if a license holder has an automatically-renewing policy, including the annual renewal date in the initial parental notice is sufficient and valid until the insurance coverage changes or the policy lapses.
- 8 **Instruction and technical assistance.** Amends § 245A.16, subd. 5. Requires the commissioner to provide training to licensing agencies that perform child care licensing functions on identifying and preventing child care assistance program provider reimbursement fraud, by December 31, 2019.
- 9 **Notice of county recommendation.** Amends § 245A.16 by adding subd. 8. Requires the county or private agency to provide written notice to the license holder when the agency recommends a licensing action to the commissioner. Specifies what the written notice must include, and specifies that county or private agency recommendations are classified as confidential data.
- 10 **Direction to commissioner; child care licensing reform.** Directs the commissioner to review best practices, research, and administrative data related to child care licensing and technical assistance, to establish and implement a stakeholder engagement process for potential regulatory reforms, and to deliver a report to the legislature.