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Overview

This bill modifies training requirements for family child care license holders and changes the conditions under which a correction order is issued. It allows contractors who provide services to multiple family child care providers in a single county to have a single background study that is transferable to all providers.

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Reduction of risk of sudden unexpected infant death in licensed programs. Amends Minnesota Statutes 2013 Supplement, § 245A.1435. Limits issuance of a correction order to those situations in which there is evidence that a violation of safe sleep requirements occurred when an infant was present in the license holder's care.

Adds paragraph (e) requiring the license holder to show a safe sleep space is readily available for each infant present in the license holder's care.

- 2 Contractors serving multiple family child care license holders. Creates § 245A.1511.

 Allows contractors who serve multiple family child care license holders to ask the county agency to retain the contractor's background study results and documentation of compliance with training requirements.
- **Sudden unexpected infant death and abusive head trauma training.** Amends § 245A.50, subd. 5. Adds in paragraph (d) that these trainings must be provided in a single course of no more than two hours in length.

Adds paragraph (e) requiring these trainings to be completed in person, face-to-face, in a

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classroom, or on-line at least once every two years. On years when the above training is not required, the license holder must have the required training through a video which must be approved by the commissioner.

Provides an effective date for this section of January 1, 2015.

4 Current or prospective contractors serving multiple family child care license holders. Amends § 245C.04, by adding subd. 7. Allows contractors who serve multiple license holders in a single county, and who will have direct contact with children, to have only one background study which is transferable to all programs in the county if the county agency retains the background study results verifying the contractor is approved to have direct contact with children, the license holder contacts the county agency to verify the background study, and the background study is repeated every two years.