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Overview

In January 2016, the Select Committee on Affordable Child Care was created. The committee visited communities throughout Minnesota to listen to issues presented by child care providers and parents who use, or are in need of, child care services. This bill represents proposals to address training for licensors and a requirement for licensors to provide a written notification of potential licensing violations to the license holder at the time of the inspection.

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Notification to provider. Creates § 245A.055. Paragraph (a) requires a county licensor who has conducted a licensing inspection to provide the licensee with written notification of potential licensing violations noted during the visit. The notification must be provided prior to the licensor's departure from the home.

Paragraph (b) clarifies that by issuing the required notification to the licensee, the licensor is not relieved from notifying the commissioner of the violation as required by statute or rule.

Training for county licensing staff on family child care and group family child care requirements; supervision. Creates § 245A.55. Paragraph (a) establishes an eight-hour preservice training requirement for county licensors.

Paragraph (b) requires the commissioner to increase training and oversight of county licensors. Requires the commissioner to conduct at least biennial reviews of county performance.

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Paragraph (c) instructs the commissioner to provide notices annually to county licensors and their supervisors on new laws relating to family child care and group family child care that were enacted during the previous 12 months.