

**Subject** Family child care licensing

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## Summary

Under current law, the commissioner of human services designates county agencies to perform specified licensing functions, including issuing variances, for family child care providers. County agencies may grant variances to rules that do not affect the health or safety of persons in a licensed program if the license holder: (1) requests a variance in the manner prescribed by the commissioner of human services; (2) explains why it cannot comply with the rule; (3) identifies an alternative measure it will follow to comply with the intent of the rule; and (4) indicates the period of time for which the variance is requested.

This bill amends section 245A.16, subdivision 1 to require that a county agency designated to issue variances to family child care providers:

- 1) publishes the agency's policies and criteria for issuing variances on the county's public website and updates the information as necessary; and
- 2) annually distributes the agency's policies and criteria to all family child care license holders in the county.