

Bill Summary

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Subject Child care licensing

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Overview

This bill directs counties to use a uniform application form, developed by the Family Child Care Task Force, for variance requests by family child care license holders. The bill also modifies municipal liability for the failure of child care providers to meet required licensing standards and for the use of a swimming pool at a family day care or group family day care home.

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1 Variances.

Amends § 245A.04, subdivision 9. Adds a requirement that, beginning January 1, 2021, counties must use a uniform application form for variance requests by family child care license holders.

2 Licensing of providers.

Amends § 466.03, subdivision 6d. Under current law a municipality is liable for torts based on a day care provider's failure to meet the standards needed for licensure or for the use of a swimming pool at a family day care or group family day care, if the municipality had actual knowledge of the provider's failure to meet the standards in law and this failure resulted in a dangerous condition that foreseeably threatened the person injured. This section eliminates that liability, and makes a municipality immune from liability in these cases. Also provides that officers or employees of a municipality are immune from liability for such a claim unless the officer or employee is found guilty of malfeasance in office, willful neglect of duty, or bad faith.

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3 Direction to commissioner of human services; uniform family child care variance application form.

Directs the Family Child Care Task Force to develop a uniform application form for family child care variance requests and provide the form to the commissioner of human services by September 1, 2020. Directs the commissioner of human services to issue the universe application form to counties and provide any necessary guidance or training for the counties to use the form by October 1, 2020.



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