

Subject Child care program integrity

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Overview

This bill establishes program integrity provisions for the child care assistance program (CCAP), including directing the Department of Children, Youth, and Families to establish a statewide electronic attendance record-keeping system and requiring that child care providers sign each CCAP bill and declare, under penalty of perjury, that the information in the bill is accurate. Additionally, this bill establishes new inspection and video monitoring requirements for child care providers that receive \$1,000,000 or more a year under CCAP or under the early learning scholarships program. The bill appropriates \$3.778 million in fiscal year 2026 and \$1.115 million in each fiscal year thereafter for the provisions in the bill.

Summary

Section	Description
1	<p>Child care assistance program.</p> <p>Amends § 13.461, subd. 28. Provides that the data classification for video footage of child care provider operations collected or maintained by the commissioner of children, youth, and families is codified in section 142E.161, and not in chapter 13.</p>
2	<p>Duties of the commissioner.</p> <p>Amends § 142A.03, subd. 2. Directs the commissioner of children, youth, and families to publish a report on the department's website that summarizes the actions the department took in the previous year to detect, prevent, investigate, and resolve fraudulent activities in programs administered by the department (including CCAP).</p> <p>Makes the section effective immediately.</p>
3	<p>Inspections and video monitoring for early learning scholarships.</p> <p>Establishes § 142D.251. Provides requirements for early childhood programs that receive \$1,000,000 or more a year in early learning scholarships.</p>

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Subd. 1. Definitions. Defines the terms “facility” and “video monitoring” for purposes of the section.

Subd. 2. General requirements. Provides that the commissioner of children, youth, and families must conduct inspections and video monitoring of early childhood programs as required by the section.

Subd. 3. Inspections. Allows the commissioner to conduct unannounced inspections of a program that receives \$1,000,000 or more a year in early learning scholarships. Provides that the inspections must be in addition to licensing inspections.

Subd. 4. Video monitoring. Subjects a program that receives \$1,000,000 or more in early learning scholarships in a year to video monitoring by the commissioner. Specifies requirements for the video monitoring.

Subd. 5. Department data practices. Provides that video footage collected or maintained by the commissioner under this section is classified as protected nonpublic data under Minnesota Statutes, section 13.02, subdivision 13.

Subd. 6. Retention, dissemination, and disposal of recordings. Requires that a provider retain the recordings required under this section for 30 days and dispose of them after 30 days, unless the provider has been notified that the recording is needed as part of an investigation of a suspected crime committed against a child at the center. Prohibits a provider from selling, sharing, transmitting, or disseminating a recording except as authorized. Provides that a provider may distribute a recording pursuant to a legal or administrative proceeding, including an investigation by the commissioner.

Makes the section effective September 1, 2025.

4	Inspections; video monitoring [CCAP].
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5	<p>Provider payments.</p>
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	<p>Amends § 142E.17, subd. 9. Requires that child care providers who bill CCAP sign each bill and declare, under penalty of perjury, that the information in the bill is accurate.</p>
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Makes the section effective August 1, 2025.

6	<p>Statewide electronic record-keeping system.</p>
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	<p>Directs the commissioner of children, youth, and families to establish and implement a statewide electronic records system for CCAP by July 1, 2026.</p>
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Makes the section effective immediately.

7	<p>Appropriation.</p>
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	<p>Appropriates \$3,778,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$1,115,000 in fiscal year 2027 to the commissioner of children, youth, and families for the provisions required under the act. Makes the base for the appropriation \$1,115,000 in fiscal year 2028 and beyond.</p>
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