

Subject Child care program integrity

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Overview

This bill establishes integrity provisions for child care programs, primarily the child care assistance program (CCAP). It directs the Department of Children, Youth, and Families (DCYF) to publish an annual report summarizing the department's anti-fraud actions and modifies DCYF licensing inspection requirements for child care providers that receive \$500,000 or more annually in CCAP or early learning scholarship funds. Additionally, the bill establishes new video monitoring inspection and video camera requirements for licensed child care providers that receive \$500,000 or more in CCAP funds. It requires child care providers to sign each CCAP bill and declare, under penalty of perjury, that the information in the bill is accurate.

Summary

Section	Description
1	<p>Duties of the commissioner.</p> <p>Amends § 142A.03, subd. 2. Requires the commissioner of children, youth, and families to publish a report summarizing the actions the department took in the previous calendar year to ensure the detection, prevention, investigation, and resolution of fraudulent activities in programs administered by the department, including CCAP.</p> <p>Effective January 15, 2027.</p>
2	<p>Regulatory methods.</p> <p>Amends § 142B.02, subd. 7. Requires the mandatory unannounced licensing inspection for licensed child care centers to be conducted in person and that the inspector reference the center's electronic attendance records while doing the inspection. Prohibits DCYF from providing advance notice of these inspections. Requires an additional unannounced annual inspection for centers receiving</p>

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	<p>\$500,000 or more in CCAP funds, early learning scholarships, or a combination thereof.</p> <p>Effective January 15, 2027.</p>
3	<p>Record-keeping requirement.</p> <p>Amends § 142E.16, subd. 7. Requires all CCAP providers to use an electronic attendance system established by DCYF.</p> <p>Effective January 15, 2027.</p>
4	<p>Inspections; video monitoring.</p> <p>Proposes coding for § 142E.161. Establishes video monitoring inspection and video camera requirements for licensed child care providers that receive \$500,000 or more in CCAP funds.</p> <p>Subd. 1. Definitions. Defines terms, including “facility,” “licensed provider,” and “video monitoring,” for the section.</p> <p>Subd. 2. Inspections. Requires the commissioner of DCYF to conduct unannounced video monitoring inspections of a licensed program that receives \$500,000 or more in CCAP funds in a calendar year. Provides that the video monitoring inspections must be in addition to licensing inspections.</p> <p>Subd. 3. Video monitoring. Subjects a licensed program that receives \$500,000 or more in CCAP funds in a calendar year to video monitoring by the commissioner.</p> <p>Subd. 4. Licensed provider requirements. Requires a licensed provider subject to video monitoring inspections to adhere to the current camera requirements under section 142B.68, subdivisions 3 to 10, for licensed child care centers required to post maltreatment investigation memoranda. The requirements govern camera coverage, retention and disposal of recordings, access to and dissemination of recordings, usage policies, and notices.</p> <p>Effective January 15, 2027.</p>
5	<p>Provider payments.</p> <p>Amends § 142E.17, subd. 9. Requires all CCAP providers to sign each bill for services declaring that the information in the bill is true and correct under penalty of perjury.</p> <p>Effective immediately.</p>



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