

SB 5806-S.E - DIGEST

(DIGEST AS ENACTED)

Declares that the purpose of this act is to establish a system, consistent throughout the state, through which parents, guardians, and other persons acting in loco parentis can obtain certain information about child care providers.

Requires the department to establish and maintain a toll-free telephone number, and an interactive web-based system through which persons may obtain information regarding child day-care centers and family day-care providers.

Provides that every child day-care center and family day-care provider shall prominently post the following items, clearly visible to parents and staff: (1) The license issued under this act;

(2) The department's toll-free telephone number established by this act;

(3) A notice that inspection reports and any notices of enforcement actions for the previous three years are available from the licensee and the department;

(4) The notice of any pending enforcement action. The notice must be posted immediately upon receipt. The notice must be posted for at least two weeks or until the violation causing the enforcement action is corrected, whichever is longer; and

(5) Any other information required by the department.

Requires every child day-care center and family day-care provider to have readily available for review by the department, parents, and the public a copy of each inspection report and notice of enforcement action received by the center or provider from the department for the past three years. This provision only applies to reports and notices received on or after the effective date of this act.

Requires the department to make available to the public during business hours all inspection reports and notices of enforcement actions involving child day-care centers and family day-care providers consistent with chapter 42.17 RCW. The department shall include in the inspection report a statement of the corrective measures taken by the center or provider.

Provides that every licensed child day-care center shall, at the time of licensure or renewal and at any inspection, provide to the department proof that the licensee has day-care insurance as defined in RCW 48.88.020, or is self-insured pursuant to chapter 48.90 RCW.

Provides that family day-care providers may choose to opt out of the requirement to have day care or other applicable insurance but must provide written notice of their insurance status to parents with a child enrolled and shall not be subject to the requirements of (b), (c), or (d) of this provision.