

SB 6661-S - DIGEST

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Authorizes the department of early learning to consider the facts and circumstances of a previous licensing enforcement action taken by the department under chapter 43.215 RCW, provided that the licensing action may not automatically disqualify the individual from obtaining a license, employment, or access.

Provides that if an individual prevails against the department of early learning in a judicial review of a licensing enforcement action as allowed by chapter 34.05 RCW and the court determines that the department's action was arbitrary and capricious, the individual shall be awarded all costs, including reasonable attorneys' fees, incurred in connection with such legal action.

Requires the department of early learning and the early learning advisory council to jointly report to the governor and the appropriate committees of the legislature regarding the implementation of current activities to improve the quality and safety of child care licensed under chapter 43.215 RCW.