

SENATE BILL REPORT

SB 5130

As of January 12, 2025

Title: An act relating to eliminating child care licensing fees.

Brief Description: Eliminating child care licensing fees.

Sponsors: Senator Wilson, C..

Brief History:

Committee Activity: Early Learning & K-12 Education: 1/14/25.

Brief Summary of Bill

- Prohibits the Department of Children, Youth, and Families from charging fees to the licensee for obtaining a child care license.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON EARLY LEARNING & K-12 EDUCATION

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Background: Current state law requires the secretary of the Department of Children, Youth, and Families (DCYF) to charge fees to the licensee for obtaining a child care license. The secretary has the discretion to waive fees in certain circumstances.

Fees charged must be based on, but must not exceed, the cost to DCYF and may include costs of necessary inspection. DCYF must establish the fees in rule.

The annual fee for family home providers is \$30, and the annual fee for child care centers is \$125 for the first 12 children plus \$12 for each additional child.

Summary of Bill: DCYF is prohibited from charging fees to the licensee for obtaining a child care license.

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Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Requested on January 7, 2025.

Creates Committee/Commission/Task Force that includes Legislative members: No.

Effective Date: Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.