

Change Item Title: Child Care Licensing Changes

Fiscal Impact (\$000s)	FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017
General Fund				
Expenditures	1,002	1,298	1,298	1,298
Revenues	0	0	0	0
Net Fiscal Impact = (Expenditures – Revenues)	1,002	1,298	1,298	1,298

Recommendation:

The Governor recommends changes to the child care licensure to address the issue of child mortality in child care settings. This recommendation includes various elements and strategies, including strengthening of child care provider licensing and testing, and both improving and subsidizing training for providers. The goal of these changes is to increase child safety, particularly related to safe sleep practices. This proposal will create five FTEs in Licensing Enforcement and one FTE for grant distribution in Children Services. Six FTEs receive a Federal reimbursement of 35%. The proposal will be a net investment of \$2.3 million from the General Fund for the FY14/FY15 biennium.

Rationale/Background:

The Child Mortality Review Panel examines child deaths that occur in facilities licensed by the Minnesota Department of Human Services. The panel reviewed individual cases involving deaths that occurred while in the care of a licensed family child care provider and noted an increase in deaths in licensed family child care homes since 2006.

Proposal:

This proposal includes a request for funding to implement recommendations to improve safety in licensed family child care homes, including: assessment of fines for an infant in unsafe sleep, the addition of licensing correction orders to the DHS website, development of a written exam for pre-service training of child care providers, additional training on unsafe sleep for licensors, and subsidizing training costs for licensed family child care homes for both pre-service and annual in-service training requirements which would focus on increasing provider competencies in areas that support improved health and safety practices, including those that help prevent child deaths.

Performance Measures:

It is expected that implementing these changes will reduce the incidence of deaths in licensed family child care homes.

Statutory Change: MS245A

General Fund			1,002	1,298	2,300	1,298	1,298	2,596
Other Funds								
Total All Funds			1,002	1,298	2,300	1,298	1,298	2,596
GF	43	Child Care Dev. Grants	250	500	750	500	500	1,000
GF	11	Operations	1,086	1,137	2,223	1,137	1,137	2,274
GF	12	CFS Administration	98	91	189	91	91	182
GF	REV1	FFP @ 35%	(432)	(430)	(862)	(430)	(430)	(860)

2014-15 Biennial Budget

Human Services

Requested FTE's								
GF	11	Operations	6.5	6.5	6.5	6.5	6.5	6.5
GF	12	CFS Admin.	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0