

Committee on Children, Families, and Elder Affairs

CS/CS/SB 538 — Provisional Child Care Licensing

by Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security Committee; Children, Families, and Elder Affairs Committee; and Senator Trumbull

The bill adds a new child care licensing provision which requires the Department of Children and Families or the local licensing agency to issue a provisional license or registration for a family day care home licensed under s. 402.313, F.S.; large family child care home licensed under s. 402.3131, F.S.; or child care facility licensed under s. 402.305, F.S. The bill requires an applicant for an initial license or registration to have made adequate provisions for the health and safety of the child and provides sufficient evidence that he or she has completed within the previous 6 months:

- Training pursuant to the United States Department of Defense Instruction 6060.02 (Child Development Programs); and
- Background screening pursuant to the designated requirements of the Department of Defense and has received favorable suitability and fitness determination.

The provisional license allows a family day care home, large family child care home, or child care facility operator to provide child care services while simultaneously completing any remaining state licensure requirements.

If approved by the Governor, or allowed to become law without the Governor's signature, these provisions take effect upon becoming law.

Vote: Senate 38-0; House 118-0