HCS HBs 850, 53 & 482 -- LICENSING OF CHILD CARE FACILITIES (Schmidt)

COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: Standing Committee on Professional Registration and Licensing

This bill allows the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education to grant a temporary child care license to a child care provider, upon submission of a complete license application to expand an existing site or add a new location, provided that the provider's license is in good standing and also submits approved fire-safety, state and local sanitation inspections, city inspections, staff background checks, and evidence of completion of required staff training for the site being added or expanded. The new facility will be subject to an unannounced inspection by the office of childhood within 60 days of opening the new facility. Temporary licenses will be valid for up to 12 months or until the Department makes a final determination on full licensure.

Prior to obtaining the temporary child care license for another facility, the child care provider has to have been in operation for at least 13 months. If a child care facility is an existing child care facility but there is a change in ownership, the facility will be subject to an unannounced inspections by the office of childhood within 60 days of the change of ownership.

This bill is similar to HB 53 (2025) and HB 482 (2025) and HB 2840 (2024).