

HB 2506 -- LICENSED CHILD CARE FACILITIES

SPONSOR: Matthiesen

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Government Efficiency by a vote of 14 to 0.

This bill requires the Office of Childhood within the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education to develop and distribute placards that include a QR code containing a link to a facility's inspection reports and complaint investigations, with the complaint investigations to appear in the search results in a timely manner and differentiated from other inspection reports. Each licensed child care facility is required to post the placard for its inspection reports and complaint investigations in a conspicuous place at the entrance of the facility. Inspection reports, complaint investigations, and related reports can be removed after a period of three years.

This bill is similar to HCS HB 637 (2025).

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that with the implementation of the QR code, people will be able to view all available and pertinent data on the daycare center they want to investigate. This in turn will empower consumers and parents to learn more about what a daycare facility is really like. Supporters further state that most parents have no idea that the daycare their child currently attends might have had problems in the past.

Testifying in person for the bill were Representative Matthiesen; Aimee Robertson; and Arnie Dienoff.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.

OTHERS: Others testifying on the bill say that this QR code would take users to the Department of Health & Human Services, not the Department of Elementary & Secondary Education. Also, inspections of existing facilities takes a good deal of time to complete.

Testifying in person on the bill was Perry Gorrell, Department of Elementary & Secondary Education.

Written testimony has been submitted for this bill. The full written testimony and witnesses testifying online can be found under Testimony on the bill page on the House website.