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House Bill 5398 (Substitute H-1 as reported without amendment)

Sponsor: Representative Kevin Green

House Committee: Health Policy

Senate Committee: Health Policy

CONTENT

The bill would amend Public Act 116 of 1973, the child care licensing Act, to require each member of the household of an applicant for a foster family home or foster family group home license to submit a medical statement to a child placing agency or an approved governmental unit.

Under the Act, the Department of Human Services (DHS) may authorize a licensed child placing agency or an approved governmental unit to investigate a foster family home or a foster family group home, and to certify that the home meets the Act's licensing requirements.

Under the bill, before certifying to the DHS that a home met the Act's licensing requirements, the child placing agency or governmental unit would have to receive and review a medical statement for each member of the household indicating that he or she did not have a known condition that would affect the care of a foster child. The medical statement would have to be signed and dated by a licensed physician; a licensed physician's assistant; or a certified nurse practitioner licensed as a registered professional nurse, who had been issued a specialty certification as a nurse practitioner by the Board of Nursing within the 12 months immediately preceding the initial date of the evaluation.

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Legislative Analyst: Julie Koval

FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would have no fiscal impact on State or local government.

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