

**BILL SUMMARY**  
1<sup>st</sup> Session of the 58<sup>th</sup> Legislature

<b>Bill No.:</b>	<b>HB 1791</b>
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<b>Impact:</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**Research Analysis**

HB 1791, as introduced, modifies the process for dealing with a violation in licensed childcare facilities. When a complaint is filed, the investigation must be filed within 30 days, unless it involves alleged child abuse and neglect, law enforcement, child welfare, or other extenuating circumstances. Only individuals directly involved with the complaint will be interviewed. If a violation is determined, only the person involved in the commission of the violation shall be held responsible. Any complaints unsubstantiated or resulting in a correction or plan for correction shall be deemed resolved and complete.

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**Fiscal Analysis**

This change will require an additional 18 FTE (15 Child Care Licensing Specialist II and 3 Child Care Licensing IV) the total impact for these FTE will be \$1,382,000. At this time the funding is Federal funding,.

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**Other Considerations**

Current investigations must be completed by 45 days. Changing the requirement to 30 days would require additional staff be available to complete the investigation in the shorter time period. An additional 15 staff and 3 supervisors would need to be added to current staffing requirements. Limiting which individuals could be interviewed, could limit gathering relevant information.

Depending on the interpretation of the phrases that only certain individuals can be interviewed, the availability to interview others when they may have information that would corroborate or negate an allegation in a complaint usually produces a complete investigation. The language that only the subject individual can be held responsible is most troubling in that a licensee should always be considered responsible for the operation of their program.

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