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EXCLUDE BEFORE- AND AFTER- SCHOOL PROGRAMS FROM CHILD CARE LICENSING

House Bill 4619

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Committee: Education

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A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 4619 AS INTRODUCED 4-18-01

House Bill 4619 would amend Public Act 116 of 1973, the child care licensing act, to expand the exceptions under the definition of “child care center” or “day care center” to include an exception for certain facilities or programs administered through a community education program, thus exempting such programs from the licensure requirements of the act.

More specifically and currently under the law, “child care center” or “day care center” does not include the following: a) a Sunday school, a vacation bible school, or a religious instructional class that is conducted by a religious organization where children are in attendance for not more than three hours per day for an indefinite period, or not more than eight hours per day for a period not to exceed four weeks during a 12-month period; or, b) a facility operated by a religious organization where children are cared for not more than three hours while people responsible for the children are attending religious services. Under the bill, these exceptions would be retained, and in addition a third exception would be created for a facility or program administered through a community education program that was operated by a public school for students enrolled in that public school, that was located at a public school, and in which the instructors were employed by the school district.

The bill would also update references to the state agency responsible for administering the licensing program by deleting a reference to the Department of Social Services, and referring instead to the Department of Consumer and Industry Services.

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