



HOUSE BILL 604: Require Safety Call/Child Care Facilities.

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OVERVIEW: *House Bill 604 would require a child care facility to implement a courtesy morning safety call to the parent or guardian of a child age 5 and under who is absent without notice. It would clarify a child care facility may not be held liable for failure to conduct the courtesy morning safety call.*

BILL ANALYSIS:

House Bill 604 directs the Department of Health and Human Services to require a child care facility to conduct a morning safety call to the parent or guardian of a child 5 years of age or younger when prior notice of an absence has not been provided.

The courtesy morning safety call would be placed no later than 30 minutes after the time the child was anticipated to arrive at the child care facility.

A child care facility would be required to explain the courtesy morning safety call process to the parents or guardians of children enrolled in the facility, including how the notifications would be delivered. The courtesy morning safety call may be delivered by any method of communication feasible for the facility to implement, including text message or email.

The child care facility would maintain a record of the date, time, and method of communication to the parent or guardian of the absent child.

Child care facilities would not be held liable for failure to conduct the courtesy morning safety call.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This act would be effective when it becomes law.

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