

HCS HB 1831 -- CHILD CARE FACILITIES

SPONSOR: Fitzpatrick

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass by Consent" by the Special Standing Committee on Small Business by a vote of 22 to 0.

This bill specifies that children who are related to the member of a child care facility that is a corporation, association, firm, partnership, limited liability company, or any other type of business entity in this state who is responsible for the daily operation of the child care facility, and who meets the requirements of the child care provider, qualify for the exemption for related children.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that the bill provides parity between how individuals and business owners are treated in the daycare industry. Currently, children related to the owner of a licensed daycare are exempt when determining the child ratio of caregivers to children in the facility. This bill will allow children related to the managing member of a limited liability company to be exempt. There is no insurance policy available to cover the liability of a childcare facility.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Fitzpatrick; and Jay Atkins.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.