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FISCAL AND ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT FOR ADMINISTRATIVE RULES
RULE TITLE: Bulletin 137—Louisiana Early Learning Center Licensing Regulations (LAC 28:CLXI.1903)

I. ESTIMATED IMPLEMENTATION COSTS (SAVINGS) TO STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL UNITS (Summary)

There may be increased workload for the Office of the State Fire Marshal to process applications for increased occupancy; however, this work is considered to have a “minimal scope of work” and no material cost increase is expected. The total increase in workload will depend on the number of child care centers applying for increased occupancy.

The proposed revisions clarify for child care providers the allowance and requirements for minimum usable indoor space per child. Revisions ensure the health and safety of children by requiring the center to request and receive approval from the Louisiana Department of Education licensing division and the Office of State Fire Marshal when a minimum of 25 square feet of usable space per child is allocated in spaces specified for use by children four years old and above.

II. ESTIMATED EFFECT ON REVENUE COLLECTIONS OF STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL UNITS (Summary)

The proposed revisions may result in increased self-generated revenue for the Office of the State Fire Marshal. Requests for approval of an occupancy increase will require a \$20 fee, as the work is considered “minimal in scope”. The total number of requests, and therefore the total revenue increase, is indeterminable.

III. ESTIMATED COSTS AND/OR ECONOMIC BENEFITS TO DIRECTLY AFFECTED, SMALL BUSINESSES, PERSONS OR NON-GOVERNMENTAL GROUPS (Summary)

The proposed revisions may benefit some child care centers who will be able to serve more children due to the decreased useable indoor space requirements.

IV. ESTIMATED EFFECT ON COMPETITION AND EMPLOYMENT (Summary)

The proposed revisions will not have an effect on competition and employment.

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