

HB 1720-FN - AS INTRODUCED

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HOUSE BILL            ***1720-FN***

AN ACT                relative to notice to child day care providers of child care scholarships.

SPONSORS:            Rep. Peternel, Carr. 6; Rep. Reinfurt, Hills. 29; Rep. Litchfield, Rock. 32; Rep. Drye, Sull. 7

COMMITTEE:          Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs

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ANALYSIS

This bill provides that when the department of health and human services receives an application for a child care scholarship that names a licensed child care program as the intended provider, the department shall notify the provider by electronic means within a specified timeframe.

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Explanation:          Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.  
Matter removed from current law appears ~~[in brackets and struckthrough.]~~  
Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

*In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty-Six*

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*Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:*

1           1 New Section; Child Care Scholarship Program; Notification to Licensees. Amend RSA 167 by  
2 inserting after section 83 the following new section:

3           167:83-a Child Care Scholarship Program; Notification to Licensees.

4           I. When the department receives an application for a child care scholarship which names a  
5 licensed child care program as the intended provider, the department shall notify the license holder  
6 via electronic means within 3 business days.

7           II. The notice shall include the child's name, anticipated start date if provided, and a  
8 statement that the application is pending eligibility determination.

9           III. The department shall provide follow-up notice via electronic means to the program  
10 within 3 business days when the application is approved, denied, or withdrawn.

11           IV. The commissioner shall adopt rules under RSA 541-A relative to the form, content, and  
12 secure transmission of the notices required under this section.

13           2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

**HB 1720-FN- FISCAL NOTE  
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**FISCAL IMPACT: This bill does not provide funding, nor does it authorize new positions.**

Estimated State Impact				
	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029
<b>Revenue</b>	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<i>Revenue Fund(s)</i>	None			
<b>Expenditures*</b>	\$0	\$150,000 general funds; \$100,000 federal funds	\$0	\$0
<i>Funding Source(s)</i>	General funds, federal funds			
<b>Appropriations*</b>	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<i>Funding Source(s)</i>	None			

\*Expenditure = Cost of bill

\*Appropriation = Authorized funding to cover cost of bill

**METHODOLOGY:**

This bill requires the Department of Health and Human Services to notify licensed childcare providers within three business days when the Department receives a childcare scholarship application that names the childcare program as the intended provider. The Department assumes that its NH Electronic Application System (NH EASY) will need to be modified to provide notification to providers, since this method will minimize security concerns regarding the sharing of personally identifiable information. The Department expects the cost of the system changes will be \$230,000, and the cost for salary and benefits for staff to make necessary changes will be approximately \$20,000. These costs will be incurred in FY27 only, and will be funded with 40 percent federal funds and 60 percent state general funds.

**AGENCIES CONTACTED:**

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