



HB25-1011 | PRIVATE EQUITY ACQUISITION OF CHILD CARE CENTERS

STATUS: Introduced in Senate – Assigned to Business, Labor, & Technology.

SPONSORS: Rep. Emily Sirota (D), Rep. Lorena Garcia (D), Sen. Cathy Kipp (D)

SUMMARY: This bill changes requirements for child care centers owned by institutional investment entities. Under the bill, they will be required to meet the following requirements to receive state funding:

- The child care center may only charge up to \$25 for a waitlist fee. Fees must be posted and accurately updated on the childcare center's website.
- These child care centers must be allowed to maintain ownership over the property used to operate the child care center.
- Institutional investment entities must give 60 days' notice for any major changes due to acquisition.

FISCAL NOTES: This bill is projected to have a minimal impact on state expenditures.

SUPPORT: City and County of Denver, Colorado Association of Family Child Care, Colorado Children's Campaign, Colorado Women's Bar Association, SiX Action, Small Business Majority, Spring Institute for Intercultural Learning, The Bell Policy Center

OPPOSITION: No currently registered opposition

PROS

- Capping waitlist fees at \$25 will reduce the financial burden of families seeking childcare.
- Requiring these childcare centers to post their fees helps to ensure transparency for children and their families.
- Ensuring that childcare centers maintain ownership over their property after acquisition ensures continuity of care.
- Requiring a 60-day notice before any major changes allows staff, students, and their families to have adequate time to prepare before being impacted by change.

CONS

- The bill is likely to reduce some revenue for child care centers owned by large investment companies.