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BY: Ways and Means Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 635

(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in the sponsor line, strike “**and Mireku–North**” and substitute “**Mireku–North, Addison, Buckel, Coley, Ebersole, Feldmark, Griffith, Hartman, Hornberger, R. Long, Palakovich Carr, Pasteur, Patterson, Roberson, Wilkins, and Wims**”; in line 8, after “checks” insert “on or before a certain date”; and in line 10, after “centers;” insert “requiring the Department to review a certain process and submit a certain report on or before a certain date:”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, strike beginning with “CHILD” in line 27 down through “ARTICLE” in line 28 and substitute “**REGISTERED FAMILY CHILD CARE HOME, A REGISTERED LARGE FAMILY CHILD CARE HOME, A LICENSED CHILD CARE CENTER, OR A CHILD CARE CENTER THAT HOLDS A LETTER OF COMPLIANCE**”.

On page 3, in line 2, strike “THE” and substitute “**ON OR BEFORE JUNE 30, 2027, THE**”; and in line 14, strike “45 DAYS AFTER SUBMISSION” and substitute “**THE TIME FRAME REQUIRED UNDER FEDERAL LAW**”.

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 4, after line 16, insert:

“**SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:**

(a) **The State Department of Education shall review the process for background checks established under § 9.5–118 of the Education Article, as enacted by Section 1 of this Act, to evaluate the efficiency and timeliness of processing applications**

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and to identify opportunities for improvement while maintaining safety and compliance with State and federal law.

(b) The review required under subsection (a) of this section shall include an examination of:

- (1) regulations;
- (2) policies;
- (3) procedures; and
- (4) interagency coordination of background checks.

(c) On or before October 1, 2028, the Department shall report, in accordance with § 2–1257 of the State Government Article, to the General Assembly the results of the review required under subsection (a) of this section, including:

- (1) the number of background check applications;
- (2) data on background check processing times;
- (3) any delays or barriers to the process; and
- (4) any recommendations for changing State law or administrative procedures.”;

and in line 17, strike “2.” and substitute “3.”.