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BY: Ways and Means Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 359
(Third Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, 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 3, strike beginning with “CHILD” in line 1 down through “TITLE” in line 3 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”; and in line 21, strike “45 DAYS AFTER SUBMISSION” and substitute “THE TIME FRAME REQUIRED UNDER FEDERAL LAW”.

On page 4, after line 23, 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 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;

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- (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 24, strike “2.” and substitute “3.”.