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HOUSE BILL No. 1018

DIGEST OF HB 1018 (Updated January 14, 2026 8:46 am - DI 140)

Citations Affected: IC 12-17.

Synopsis: School age child care. Removes certain transportation requirements in the approval criteria for the school age child care project fund. Requires the division of family resources to adopt rules specifying cost and expense standards for transporting a child to a facility where the child does not attend school.

Effective: July 1, 2026.

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December 1, 2025, read first time and referred to Committee on Family, Children and Human Affairs.
January 14, 2026, reported — Do Pass.

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PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning human services.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

- 1 SECTION 1. IC 12-17-12-11 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
2 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 11. The division may
3 approve a grant from the fund to an applicant if the applicant
4 demonstrates to the division that the applicant is able to do the
5 following:
6 (1) Provide a physical environment that is safe and appropriate to
7 the various age levels of the children to be served.
8 (2) ~~Provide transportation, if necessary, to and from a school or~~
9 ~~schools to the facility operated by the applicant.~~
10 (3) (2) Provide program activities that are appropriate to the
11 various age levels of the children to be served and that meet the
12 developmental needs of each child.
13 (4) (3) Provide efficient and effective program administration.
14 (5) (4) Provide a staff that meets standards set by the division
15 under section 17 of this chapter.
16 (6) (5) Provide for nutritional needs of children enrolled in the
17 program.

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1 ~~(7)~~ (6) Provide emergency health services to children served by
 2 the program.

3 ~~(8)~~ (7) Operate a school age child care program in accordance
 4 with the cost and expense standards set by the division under
 5 section 17 of this chapter.

6 SECTION 2. IC 12-17-12-17 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
 7 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 17. The director of the
 8 division shall adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 necessary to carry out this
 9 chapter, including rules specifying the following:

10 (1) Standards for the hiring of staff for a school age child care
 11 program.

12 (2) Cost and expense standards for **the following:**

13 **(A)** Establishing and operating a school age child care
 14 program within a school and within a facility other than a
 15 school.

16 **(B) Transporting a child to a facility where the child does**
 17 **not attend school.**

18 (3) A sliding fee scale for use by school age child care programs
 19 that are operating under a grant from the fund.

20 (4) Minimum staff to child ratios for a school age child care
 21 program.

22 (5) Physical space requirements for a school age child care
 23 program, including indoor and outdoor space.

24 (6) Nutrition requirements for a school age child care program.

25 (7) Standards for the provision of emergency health services in a
 26 school age child care program.

27 (8) Application guidelines and deadlines.

28 (9) A method for establishing priority of applicants.



COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Family, Children and Human Affairs, to which was referred House Bill 1018, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the House with the recommendation that said bill do pass.

(Reference is to HB 1018 as introduced.)

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Committee Vote: Yeas 11, Nays 0

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