

HOUSE BILL No. 1400

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 27-1-34-11.

Synopsis: MEWA for child care facilities. Allows a group or association of child care facilities to establish a multiple employer welfare arrangement (MEWA). Requires the department of insurance to: (1) create a survey requesting certain information from child care facilities; (2) facilitate communication between child care facilities that express an interest in establishing a MEWA; and (3) advise the child care facilities on best practices for lowering insurance costs. Requires the office of the secretary of family and social services to send a direct link to the survey by electronic mail to each child care facility.

Effective: July 1, 2026.

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January 8, 2026, read first time and referred to Committee on Insurance.



Introduced

Second Regular Session of the 124th General Assembly (2026)

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.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 2025 Regular Session of the General Assembly.

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

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

1 SECTION 1. IC 27-1-34-11 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
2 AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
3 1, 2026]: Sec. 11. (a) **As used in this section, "child care facility"**
4 **means any of the following:**
5 (1) A child care center (as defined in IC 12-7-2-28.4).
6 (2) A child care home (as defined in IC 12-7-2-28.6).
7 (b) **A group or association of child care facilities may establish**
8 **a multiple employer welfare arrangement.**
9 (c) **Not later than September 1, 2026, the department shall**
10 **create a survey requesting the following information from child**
11 **care facilities:**
12 (1) **The name of the child care facility that is responding to the**
13 **survey.**
14 (2) **Whether the child care facility is interested in establishing**
15 **a multiple employer welfare arrangement.**
16 (3) **The child care facility's current insurance costs for**
17 **accident and sickness and death benefits.**

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1 **The department must publish the survey on the department's**
2 **website.**

3 **(d) The department shall notify the office of the secretary of**
4 **family and social services when the survey is published on the**
5 **department's website. Not later than fourteen (14) calendar days**
6 **after receiving notice from the department under this subsection,**
7 **the office of the secretary of family and social services shall send a**
8 **direct link to the survey by electronic mail to each child care**
9 **facility.**

10 **(e) The department shall:**

11 **(1) facilitate communication between child care facilities that**
12 **express an interest in establishing a multiple employer welfare**
13 **arrangement; and**
14 **(2) advise the child care facilities on best practices for**
15 **lowering insurance costs.**

