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Bill Number: HB81

Patron: Price

Bill Title: State agencies; amendment of regulations pertaining to the maximum temperature at which certain rooms may be kept.

Bill Summary: Directs the Department of Social Services (DSS), the Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ), the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services (DBHDS), the Department of Health (VDH), and the Department of Corrections (DOC) to amend their regulations to provide that the maximum temperature at which certain rooms in specified types of facilities regulated by such agencies may be kept shall be no more than 77 degrees Fahrenheit.

Budget Amendment Necessary: Not known at this time.

Items Impacted:

Explanation: See below.

Fiscal Summary: Preliminary fiscal impact. DOC states that the bill has a significant impact on their costs, but the agency has not yet finished their estimate. This fiscal impact statement will be revised when more information becomes available.

Fiscal Analysis: DSS (for two of three types of facilities; see **Other** for third type), DJJ, and VDH all indicate either no fiscal impact or that any fiscal impacts that may arise are expected to be addressed with existing resources. DBHDS reports that the bill may have an impact, however the cost is indeterminate. As indicated above, DOC has stated that the bill would have a significant fiscal impact and are in progress on estimating the costs.

Other: The bill states in part that “the Department of Social Services shall amend its regulations to ... reduce the temperature at which fans or other cooling systems are required to be used in inside areas of licensed family day homes occupied by children from above 80 degrees Fahrenheit to 77 degrees Fahrenheit.” Because these family day homes are now licensed and regulated by the Department of Education (DOE), as written the bill would not address such family day homes unless the text refers to the Department of Education instead. If the bill is so amended, DOE reports the agency can address applicable costs with existing resources.