

HB 571 -- Nathan's Law

Sponsor: Schupp

This bill establishes Nathan's Law that changes the laws regarding the licensing of child care facilities. The bill specifies that a child related by blood, marriage, or adoption will be counted in the total number of children being cared for as it applies to determining if a facility is required to be licensed only if the person is also caring for at least one child who is unrelated by blood, marriage, or adoption to the person within the third degree, except that a child living in the home who is eligible for enrollment in a public kindergarten or elementary school will not be included in the total. Currently, these children are not considered in the total number.

The Department of Health and Senior Services is authorized to immediately close any illegally operating unlicensed child care facility. A local prosecutor may file suit for a permanent order preventing the operation of the facility that will remain in effect until the court determines that the child care facility is in compliance with all licensing requirements.