



This Bill Analysis reflects the contents of the bill as it was presented in committee.

HOUSE BILL 604: Optional Courtesy Safety Call/Child Care.

2021-2022 General Assembly

Committee:	House Families, Children, and Aging Policy. If favorable, re-refer to Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House	Date:	May 7, 2021
Introduced by:	Rep. Davis	Prepared by:	Jessica Boney Staff Attorney
Analysis of:	PCS to First Edition H604-CSBP-10		

OVERVIEW: *The Proposed Committee Substitute (PCS) House Bill 604 would recommend a child care facility conduct an optional courtesy morning safety call to the parent or guardian of a child age 5 and under who is absent without notice to ensure child safety.*

BILL ANALYSIS:

The PCS to House Bill 604 would recommend a child care facility conduct an optional courtesy morning safety call to the parent or guardian of a child 5 years of age or younger when prior notice of an absence has not been provided in order to ensure child safety and reduce the number of vehicular heat stroke deaths.

The optional courtesy morning safety call would be placed no later than 30 minutes after the time the child was anticipated to arrive at the child care facility.

If applicable, a child care facility would be required to explain the optional courtesy morning safety call process to the parents or guardians of children enrolled in the facility, including how the notifications would be delivered. The optional courtesy morning safety call may be delivered by any method of communication feasible for the facility to implement, including text message or email.

The child care facility would maintain a record of the date, time, and method of communication to the parent or guardian of the absent child if the optional courtesy morning safety call is placed.

Child care facilities would not be held liable for failure to conduct the optional courtesy morning safety call.

EFFECTIVE DATE: The PCS would be effective when it becomes law.

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