

HOUSE BILL No. 2569

By Committee on Commerce, Labor and Economic Development

Requested by Representative Titus on behalf of the Department of Health and
Environment

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1 AN ACT concerning the department of health and environment; relating to
2 childcare licensing service contracts; requiring the secretary of health
3 and environment to not renew such contracts and replacing licensing
4 services with state employees; requiring the secretary to conduct
5 surveys of childcare providers relating to the department's provision of
6 childcare licensing services.

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8 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

9 Section 1. (a) On and after July 1, 2025, whenever a contract with a
10 city, county or any other entity, to provide childcare licensing services
11 expires, the secretary of health and environment shall not renew such
12 contract and shall replace the services provided with full-time equivalent
13 state employees in the unclassified service as may be necessary to continue
14 the provision of such services. Subject to appropriations, the secretary
15 shall utilize the funds previously allocated to the contracted entities and
16 shall seek reimbursement for any costs in excess of the previously
17 allocated funds from the department of children and families as may be
18 allowed pursuant to the agreement for reimbursement of costs between the
19 agencies or any other available funds.

20 (b) (1) On and after July 1, 2025, the secretary of health and
21 environment shall conduct an annual survey of all licensed child care
22 providers in order to seek feedback on licensing services provided by the
23 department of health and environment and the inspection process. The
24 secretary may conduct such survey electronically and include any other
25 relevant topics selected by the secretary. A licensee may answer survey
26 questions anonymously but shall identify the location of the child care
27 facility by city or county.

28 (2) Beginning in 2026, on or before the first day of each regular
29 legislative session, the secretary shall prepare and submit a report
30 containing a summary of the survey results to the house of representatives
31 standing committee on commerce, labor and economic development, the
32 senate standing committee on public health and welfare and the senate
33 standing committee on commerce, or their successor committees.

34 Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its

- 1 publication in the statute book.