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A BILL FOR AN ACT CONCERNING EXEMPTING RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATIONS FROM CHILD CARE LICENSING REQUIREMENTS FOR THE TIME PERIOD DURING WHICH CHURCH SERVICES ARE BEING OFFERED.

Bill Summary

(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at http://leg.colorado.gov.)

Current law allows a child care licensing exemption for certain facilities, including shopping centers and churches, that provide on-site child care for children for less than 3 hours while people are making use of the facility or attending church services. The bill retains the 3-hour limit on the licensing exemption for facilities like shopping centers but

removes the time limit for churches, provided that the child care is being offered contemporaneously with church services or other church programs at the on-site child care location.

1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:* 2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 26-6-103, amend 3 (1)(c); and add (1)(c.5) as follows: 4 26-6-103. Application of part - study - definitions - repeal. 5 (1) This part 1 does not apply to: 6 (c) Facilities operated in connection with a church, shopping 7 center or business where children are cared for during short periods of 8 time while parents, persons in charge of such children, or employees of 9 the church, shopping center or business whose children are being cared 10 for at such location are attending church services at such location or 11 shopping, patronizing, or working on the premises of any such business; 12 (c.5) FACILITIES OPERATED IN CONNECTION WITH A CHURCH 13 WHERE CHILDREN ARE PROVIDED CARE FOR ANY LENGTH OF TIME WHILE 14 PARENTS, PERSONS IN CHARGE OF SUCH CHILDREN, OR EMPLOYEES OF THE 15 CHURCH ARE ATTENDING CHURCH SERVICES OR OTHER CHURCH PROGRAMS 16 AT SUCH LOCATION; **SECTION 2. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds, 17 18 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate 19 preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.

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