

BILL SUMMARY
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Bill No.:	SB 717
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Impact:	\$130,000 state funds; \$300,000 total

Research Analysis

SB 717 requires that owners or responsible entities applying for a license to operate a child care facility have a search of the nontechnical services worker abuse registry and the community services worker registry conducted by DHS prior to the issuance of a license. The measure also expands the restricted registry maintained by DHS to include individuals with a substantiated finding of abuse or neglect of a child in a facility overseen by the Office of Juvenile Affairs.

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Fiscal Analysis

Broadening the facilities that must comply with the Restricted Registry is expected to increase registry cases by at least 150 percent. The expansion of the registry requires expansion of three functions currently provided by DHS' Legal Services Division. These functions are:

- 1) advising every individual who faces placement on the Registry with notice that both adequately describes the abuse or neglect findings and provides the individual with an opportunity to address the findings;
- 2) prosecuting those cases in which individuals face placement on the Registry; and
- 3) employing the Administrative Law Judge who acts as fact-finder and determines the appropriateness of whether an individual will be placed on the Registry.

To fulfill these requirements, Legal Services Division will require an additional attorney for prosecution, an additional attorney to serve as Administrative Law Judge, and support5 staff to prepare notices, and schedule and support hearings. These three positions will cost \$230,000 annually, of which \$130,000 is state funds.

Additionally, the DHS Child Care Services Division will require an additional position to coordinate the Restricted Registry with other affected state agencies, prepare documents for review by the Restricted Registry review committee, make recommendations to DHS Legal Services, notifying potential registrants of the committee decision and appeal process, coordinating appeals, and placing or removing the individual on the Registry, maintain a database of cases, serve on the Restricted Registry as needed, and testify before an Administrative Law Judge in case of an appeal. Cost of this position is \$70,000, all of it federally funded.

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Other Considerations

None.

