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Bill Analysis

SB 1238 requires the Department of Human Services to inform any complainant submitting a complaint about a child care facility of any potential consequences for willfully or recklessly submitting a false complaint. The measure also requires the Department to identify the employee who is the subject of the complaint but not the licensee of the child care facility unless the licensee was the subject of the complaint in its investigative report. The measure provides that any person who willfully or recklessly submitted a false report to shall be liable in a civil suit for any actual damages suffered by a child care facility or for any punitive damages set by the court or jury. Additionally, the measure directs the Department to establish and utilize a scope and severity grid to measure violations of the Oklahoma Child Care Facilities Licensing Act.

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