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Research Analysis

The proposed policy committee substitute for HB 3409 provides that any 5 star child care program licensed by the Department of Human Services that maintains an active accreditation will be deemed to have met all quality standards required under the QRIS system except Master Teacher requirements. Such programs will not be subject to additional quality standards beyond those required for licensure. The Department must not impose duplicative standards, documentation requirements, assessments, or site visits for purposes of QRIS participation in a nationally accredited program. The Department may verify accreditation through documentation provided by the program that the accrediting body provides.

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Fiscal Analysis

HB 3409 provides that 5-star child care programs with active national accreditation will be deemed to have met all requirements under the Quality Rating and Improvement System (QRIS), except for Master Teacher requirements, and prohibits the Department of Human Services (DHS) from imposing duplicative standards, assessments, or site visits.

DHS has been contacted regarding the potential impact or cost savings to the agency resulting from the measure's provisions. As feedback is provided, this impact will be updated; however, savings from eliminating redundant administrative duties are expected to be minimal.

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Other Considerations

None.