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Overview

This bill requires licensed child care providers to develop policies and procedures for reporting suspected child maltreatment and complaints about the child care program.

Section

- 1 **Child care program reporting notification.** Adds § 245A.145. Requires all licensed child care providers to develop policies and procedures for reporting suspected child maltreatment and complaints about the operation of the program. Requires the telephone number of the local child protection agency and the local and state licensing agencies to be included in the policies and procedures. Specifies that parents must be provided the policies and procedures. Also requires that, by July 1, 2002, all new or renewed child care licenses include (1) a statement informing parents who have concerns about their child's care that they may call the licensing agency and (2) the telephone number of the licensing agency.