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**STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT**  
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**Bill Number:** S. 0862     Introduced on January 9, 2024  
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**Subject:** DSS- Childcare Center Caregivers  
**Requestor:** Senate Family and Veterans Services  
**RFA Analyst(s):** Boggs  
**Impact Date:** January 24, 2024

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### **Fiscal Impact Summary**

This bill allows an individual who has a Certificate of Completion or a South Carolina High School Employability Credential to work in a licensed or approved childcare center in South Carolina. Further, this bill removes the requirement that an individual must either have at least six months' experience as a caregiver in a licensed or approved childcare facility or be directly supervised for six months by a staff person with at least one year of experience as a caregiver in a licensed or approved childcare facility. Additionally, this bill states that within three months of being employed, a caregiver must complete fifteen hours of health and safety pre-service training. A caregiver who has a high school diploma, General Education Development (GED), Certificate of Completion, or a South Carolina High School Employability Credential and at least six months' experience as a caregiver in a licensed or approved facility is not required to complete the fifteen hours of health and safety pre-service training.

This bill will have no expenditure impact on the Department of Social Services (DSS) as there is no change to the agency's responsibilities due to this bill.

### **Explanation of Fiscal Impact**

#### **Introduced on January 9, 2024**

#### **State Expenditure**

This bill amends code relating to caregiver requirements to allow an individual who has a Certificate of Completion or a South Carolina High School Employability Credential to work in a licensed or approved childcare center in South Carolina. Further, this bill removes the requirement that an individual must either have at least six months' experience as a caregiver in a licensed or approved childcare facility or be directly supervised for six months by a staff person with at least one year of experience as a caregiver in a licensed or approved childcare facility. Additionally, this bill states that within three months of being employed, a caregiver must complete fifteen hours of health and safety pre-service training. A caregiver who has a high school diploma, GED, Certificate of Completion, or a South Carolina High School Employability Credential and at least six months' experience as a caregiver in a licensed or approved facility is not required to complete the fifteen hours of health and safety pre-service training.

DSS anticipates that this bill will have no expenditure impact on the agency as this bill does not alter the responsibilities of the agency.

**State Revenue**

N/A

**Local Expenditure**

N/A

**Local Revenue**

N/A



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