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**HOUSE BILL NO. 1575**

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*A BILL to amend and reenact §§ 15.2-741 and 15.2-914 of the Code of Virginia, relating to regulation of child care services and facilities in certain counties.*

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Referred to Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns

**Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**

- 1. That §§ 15.2-741 and 15.2-914 of the Code of Virginia are amended and reenacted as follows:**  
**§ 15.2-741. Regulation of child-care services and facilities in certain counties.**

A. The board may by ordinance provide for the regulation and licensing of (i) persons who provide child-care services for remuneration and (ii) child-care facilities. "Child-care services" includes regular care, protection, or guidance during a part of a day to one or more children, not related by blood or marriage to the provider of services, while they are not attended by their parent, guardian, or person with legal custody. "Child-care facilities" includes any commercial or residential structure which is used to provide child-care services for remuneration. However, such ordinance shall not require the regulation or licensing of any facility operated by a religious institution as exempted from licensure by § 63.2-1716.

B. Such ordinance may be more restrictive or more extensive in scope than statutes or state regulations that may affect child-care services or child-care facilities, provided that such ordinance shall not (i) impose additional requirements or restrictions on the construction or materials to be used in the erection, alteration, repair, or use of a residential dwelling or (ii) *provide for inclusion of the child-care provider's own children or any children who reside in a home in which child-care services are offered in the total number of children for whom care is provided.*

**§ 15.2-914. Regulation of child-care services and facilities in certain counties and cities.**

Any (i) county that has adopted the urban county executive form of government, (ii) city adjacent to a county that has adopted the urban county executive form of government, or (iii) city which is completely surrounded by such county may by ordinance provide for the regulation and licensing of persons who provide child-care services for compensation and for the regulation and licensing of child-care facilities. "Child-care services" means provision of regular care, protection and guidance to one or more children not related by blood or marriage while such children are separated from their parent, guardian or legal custodian in a dwelling not the residence of the child during a part of the day for at least four days of a calendar week. "Child-care facilities" includes any commercial or residential structure which is used to provide child-care services.

Such local ordinance shall not require the regulation or licensing of any child-care facility that is licensed by the Commonwealth and such ordinance shall not require the regulation or licensing of any facility operated by a religious institution as exempted from licensure by § 63.2-1716.

Such local ordinances shall not be more extensive in scope than comparable state regulations applicable to family day homes. Such local ordinances may regulate the possession and storage of firearms, ammunition, or components or combination thereof at child-care facilities so long as such regulation remains no more extensive in scope than comparable state regulations applicable to family day homes. Local regulations shall not affect the manner of construction or materials to be used in the erection, alteration, repair or use of a residential dwelling *and shall not provide for inclusion of the child-care provider's own children or any children who reside in a home in which child-care services are offered in the total number of children for whom care is provided.*

Such local ordinances may require that persons who provide child-care services shall provide certification from the Central Criminal Records Exchange and a national criminal background check, in accordance with §§ 19.2-389 and 19.2-392.02, that such persons have not been convicted of any offense involving the sexual molestation of children, the physical or sexual abuse or rape of a child or any offense identified in § 63.2-1719, and such ordinances may require that persons who provide child-care services shall provide certification from the central registry of the Department of Social Services that such persons have not been the subject of a founded complaint of abuse or neglect. If an applicant is denied licensure because of any adverse information appearing on a record obtained from the Central Criminal Records Exchange, the national criminal background check, or the Department of Social Services, the applicant shall be provided a copy of the information upon which that denial was based.

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