

LEGISLATIVE DIGEST

[Administrative Code - Child Care Centers for City Projects and City-Funded Private Projects; Feasibility Study Required]

Ordinance amending the Administrative Code, Sections 29B.4 and 29B.5, to transfer responsibility for Child Care Feasibility Studies from the City Administrator and the Department of Children, Youth and Their Families to the Office of Early Care and Education in the Human Services Agency, and the Child Care Facilities Interagency Committee; and making environmental findings.

Existing Law

Under existing law, the sponsor of a development project shall consult with the San Francisco Department of Children, Youth and their Families (DCYF) in preparing its Child Care Feasibility Study. The completed Study shall be submitted to the City Administrator, funding entities, and the Board of Supervisors. Prior to the City's approval of funding for the development project, the sponsor shall submit the Study to the funding entity for its consideration, including the Mayor, the Board of Supervisors, and any applicable agencies or commissions. The City Administrator is authorized to waive the Study requirements. The Study shall include any additional information that the City Administrator requires. The consultant that prepares the Study shall be approved by the DCYF. The City Administrator shall submit an annual report summarizing waivers granted pursuant to this Chapter, a copy of which shall be provided to the San Francisco Child Care Planning and Advisory Council and the DCYF.

Amendments to Current Law

Under the amended ordinance, the sponsor of a development project shall instead consult with the Office of Early Care and Education (OECE) which is located in the San Francisco Human Services Agency, in preparing its Study, rather than DCYF.

In place of the City Administrator, completed studies shall be submitted to the OECE, the Child Care Facilities Interagency Committee, funding entities and the Board of Supervisors, prior to the City's approval of funding.

The Child Care Facilities Interagency Committee includes representatives from the Office of Early Care and Education, Human Services Agency; the Department of Children, Youth and Their Families, First 5 San Francisco, the Planning Department, the Mayor's Office of Housing, the Office of Community Investment and Infrastructure, and the Low Income Investment Fund.

Background Information

A City agency, or a private developer that receives City funds for a development project of 50,000 gross square feet or more, must prepare a feasibility study for providing an on-site child care center whenever it plans to construct or purchase a building, lease more than 50 percent of space in a private building for an initial term of more than one year, or alter more than 50 percent of the space in an existing building.