

**Information from OPEGA Follow-up on GOC Questions on Children's Licensing  
from the GOC's Meeting on March 24, 2017**

**Count of current total licensed/certified child care providers:** 1,957

- 758 Child Care Facilities
- 1,139 Family Child Cares
- 60 Nursery Schools (outside OPEGA's scope)

**Unduplicated provider count associated with reports of licensing violations or child abuse/neglect January 2015-May 2016:**

- Child Care Facilities: 292 total reports
  - 180 unduplicated providers
- Family Child Cares: 234 total reports
  - 211 unduplicated providers

**Children's Licensing update regarding fingerprinting requirement:**

Children's Licensing continues to have a target date of 9/31/17 for implementation of the fingerprinting requirement. They have included the requirement in the draft Family Child Care Rule and plan to include it in the Facility Rule.

There are two bills this session regarding the fingerprinting requirement. Provided there are no statutory changes that prompt a change in direction, Children's Licensing anticipates this moving forward.

Bills related to fingerprinting requirement:

- LD 274 An Act To Implement the Recommendations of the Working Group To Study Background Checks for Child Care Facilities and Providers - Implements the recommendations of the Working Group to Study Background Checks for Child Care Facilities and Providers and clarifies requirements for criminal background checks for child care providers and child care staff members.
- LD 561 An Act To Remove the Requirement That Child Care Facility Workers and Family Child Care Providers Submit to Criminal Background Checks - Removes statutory language that requires DHHS rules for child care facilities and family child care providers to include a criminal background check requirement and prohibits DHHS from adopting or enforcing a rule that requires criminal background checks.

Additional bill related to the scope of OPEGA's review:

- LD 1177: An Act To Create an Appeals Process for Child Care Providers - Establishes the Child Care Appeal Review Panel to review disputes related to the licensing and certification of child care facilities (not including child abuse/neglect).