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## Substitute Bill Comparative Synopsis

### Sub. H.B. 647

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House Children and Human Services

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This table summarizes how the latest substitute version of the bill differs from the immediately preceding version. Organized by topic, it addresses only substantive differences between the two bill versions.

Topic	Sub. H.B. 647 (I_136_3000)	Sub. H.B. 647 (I_136_3186-1)
Appropriations	<p>Reduces to \$600,000 (from \$10 million) the fiscal year (FY) 2026 appropriation in GRF line item 830414, Child Care Cred Program, in the Department of Children and Youth's (DCY) budget and establishes a FY 2027 appropriation of \$4.4 million (Section 3).</p> <p>Increases DCY's GRF line item 830420, Community Projects and Assistance, by \$2 million in FY 2026 and \$3 million in FY 2027, and requires DCY to use up to \$2 million in FY 2026 and up to \$3 million in FY 2027 for enhanced data analytics for use in conducting automated attendance reviews of publicly funded child care (PFCC) providers (Section 3).</p>	<p>No provision.</p> <p>No provision.</p>

Backdating attendance	Generally limits the backdating of a child's attendance record to the time period that is within seven calendar days of the date that PFCC was provided (R.C. 5104.32(C)(3)(a)).	Increases the time period to the later of the following – 10 business days or 14 calendar days of the date that PFCC was provided (R.C. 5104.32(C)(3)(a)).
Investigations and prosecution	<p>Requires the Inspector General, under certain circumstances, to investigate any criminal or civil violation of the child care law generally or PFCC program specifically (R.C. 5104.45(A)).</p> <p>Authorizes the Inspector General to refer the investigation's evidence to the prosecuting attorney, an impaneled grand jury, or the Attorney General when there is cause to suspect a criminal violation or to pursue a civil remedy (R.C. 5104.45(B)).</p> <p>Authorizes the Attorney General to prosecute a criminal violation or pursue a civil remedy (R.C. 5104.45(C)).</p> <p>No provision.</p>	<p>Instead requires the Inspector General, under certain circumstances, to coordinate with the DCY Director to determine an appropriate course of action, which may include the Inspector General conducting an investigation and requires the Inspector General to investigate once it is determined to be appropriate (R.C. 5104.45(A)).</p> <p>Requires the Inspector General, if the investigation yields credible evidence of criminal or improper activity (including waste, fraud, and abuse) to first share the investigation's findings with the prosecuting attorney (R.C. 5104.45(B)) and requires the Inspector General to share findings with the Attorney General, but only if the prosecuting attorney decides not to take action (R.C. 5104.45(D)).</p> <p>Same (R.C. 5104.45(E)).</p> <p>Specifies that records of any investigation conducted by the Inspector General are not public records until a report of the investigation is released (R.C. 121.44(D)).</p>