

The FCCI Advocacy Committee is thrilled to share our successful work in the 2014 legislative session!

Here is the link:

<https://www.revisor.mn.gov/laws/?id=291&year=2014&type=0#laws.1.1.0>



First, FCCI legislation makes it easier for our community of independent contractors like music/zumba/craft instructors, and independent substitute care providers to serve your program. Within a county they will need only 1 background study every 2 years, and be in compliance with any needed training. When you decide to use an independent contractor, contact your licensing unit to be sure your independent contractor has an approved background study on file. Let your licenser know you will be using their service. (Effective July 1, 2014) **245A.1511 (not available on-line yet)** and **245C.04 subdivision 7**

Next, FCCI's legislation created consistency with the SUIDS and AHT training requirement. **Beginning July 1, 2015**, SUIDS and AHT training can be completed in person or through an approved on-line course once every two years and on the off year taken by video. **245A.50, subdivision 5**

Our final piece of legislation assures family child care providers that they cannot be issued a correction order in regard to safe sleep specific to **245A.1435b** unless there is evidence that a violation has occurred when and infant is present in care. (Please note that the individual statutes linked here may not reflect new legislation until after July 1, 2014.)



It was with the amazing support of **Senator Carla Nelson and Representative Kim Norton** our legislation successfully made its way through the legislative process. A special thank you to them and the DHS staff who worked with us on our legislative agenda. Additionally, thanks to the associations who endorsed the FCCI bill; the Minnesota Licensed Family Child Care Association, Dodge County, Hennepin County, Ramsey County and Scott County Family Child Care Associations. And finally, to each provider who took time to send in written testimony and to provider Jackie Harrington for making the trip to St. Paul for in person testimony in committee. THANKS to everyone for their part!

Please note there was other legislation introduced by another group which redefines "school age child". School age child now means a child who is at least five years of age but younger than 11 years of age. Simply, your 5 year old is "school age" on their 5th birthday. (Effective July 1, 2014) **245A.02, subdivision 19**

Please watch the DHS website for "What's New for: Licensing Information" or contact your county licenser for questions. Mark your calendar for our annual workshop featuring Olmsted County Licensing staff on August 11th, 2014, 7pm-9pm. All providers are welcome to attend this training for free.