

Setting the record straight in response to IAPD's SB 3907 claims.

This table compares IDEC's legislation (SB 3907) to the provisions in IAPD's proposed compromise.

| | IAPD's Compromise <i>First provided to Sponsor & IDEC March 12, 2026</i> | SB 3907 (Morrison, J.) |
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| Regulation of traditional, short-term, periodic, <u>recreational</u> programs | Local control | State control |

Let's Talk About it – IDEC's Response: Under current law, a provider must either be licensed or submit a 60+ page request for exemption to be licensed. SB 3907 streamlines this process. If SB 3907 passes, a provider will not have to submit a 60+ page request. Instead, a provider would submit answers to the following 4 prompts:

- **Basic info (name, address, FEIN, articles of incorporation)**
- **Attest that the entity has an emergency plan**
- **Attest that the entity has completed the 3 background checks for their employees supervising children. (finger print, SOR, CANTS).**
- **Submit a program guide with information that includes ages, hours, and locations of programs.**

| Requires information about every recreational program (via a guide updated quarterly) to be submitted to the state | No | Yes |
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Let's Talk About It – IDEC's Response: Park districts will need to register at the entity level, meaning one registration for each park district. An application is a total of 4 steps, 1 of which is providing a program guide/brochure and 2 of which are check boxes. The program guide/brochure can be as simple as a list that already exists on the park website or the upload of an attachment.

IDEC is not asking for the creation of any new document. Instead, IDEC is asking for information on ages, time frames, and names of the program, which is information that providers use to advertise their programs. In other words, when providers send out their flyers/ads each quarter, send one to IDEC too.

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| State review of hundreds of thousands of recreational programs offered by local governments | No | Yes |
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Let's Talk About It – IDEC's Response: IDEC will not be reviewing every single program.

IF IDEC is made aware that there is a program operating outside of the listed programs submitted to IDEC via the online portal, IDEC will simply request the RAP portal be updated at their earliest convenience and will provide support in doing so.

IF IDEC is made aware of a program in the program guide that would require full licensure, then IDEC will work with the provider to bring them into compliance. Examples of programs that require a license are:

- Programs for children that have not yet attained the age of three (this is also current law), and
- Programs for 3–4-year-olds for more than 3 hours per day (3.5 hours a day and no more than 25 hours per week under current law).

SB 3907 creates a system that will produce approval by IDEC within 10 days of submitting a request for RAP and is consistent state-wide for child care programs.

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| Authorization for rulemaking to further regulate park district programs | No | Yes |
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Let's Talk About It – IDEC's Response: IDEC has been mindful of this concern and has voluntarily included in the most recent proposed amendment that IDEC is required to consult with park districts, YMCAs and the Boys and Girls Clubs prior to rulemaking:

The Department of Early Childhood shall promulgate rules to effectuate these requirements for Recognized Alternative Providers. In drafting rules to effectuate this section, the Department shall consult representatives from entities who are required to register as a Recognized Alternative Provider, including, but not limited to: A statewide organization representing park districts; a non-profit charitable organization that is a place of public gathering, exercise, and recreation, a federally chartered program organized under 36 USC Ch. 311, programs providing services to school age children ages 5 and over, and other providers of care who wish to be involved in the rulemaking process.

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| Subjects short-term (<1 hour in duration), recreational programs offered to children under 3 years-old to full day care licensure (including swim lessons, soccer, t-ball, arts/crafts programs, etc.) | No | Yes |
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Let's Talk About It – IDEC's Response: Under the current law (225 ILCS 10/2.09 (g)), providers cannot run unlicensed programs for children who have not attained the age of three unless parents are present. SB3907 does not change that.

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| State funding to support the operation of recreational programs | No | \$0 |
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Let's Talk About It – IDEC's Response: In both current statute and proposed SB3907 park districts **are eligible** for CCAP funding when they meet the existing requirements. In fact, IDEC is aiming to streamline this process by simplifying the application process. Instead of two separate applications, applicants will only need to apply 1 time to meet existing requirements set by CCAP requirements.

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| Both IAPD's language <i>and</i> IDEC's legislation agree about the most important thing: <u>keeping children safe with background-checked adults</u> | YES | YES |
| Licensure of <u>traditional</u> preschool and full-time day cares | Yes | Yes |
| Criminal history background check | Yes | Yes |
| State sex offender registry check | Yes | Yes |
| Federal sex offender registry check | Yes | Yes |
| Child abuse and neglect (CANTS) check | Yes | Yes |
| Emergency preparedness and response plan | Yes | Yes |