

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis for Small Business and Local Governments

1) Effect on Small Businesses and Local Governments:

This regulation will help to support the needs of small businesses and local governments by uniformly requiring districts to provide child care assistance to eligible families, sufficient to allow a parent to obtain up to eight hours of sleep, as needed. When parents are able to obtain needed sleep without worrying about child care needs it has the potential to make them more efficient and thus improve the outcomes for small businesses.

2) Compliance Requirements:

In response to Chapter 344 of the Laws of 2019, which amended SSL 410-w to add a new subdivision (9), districts are now required to authorize up to eight hours of child care assistance, as needed, to allow eligible parents or caretaker recipients who work non-traditional hours to sleep, if they are eligible for and provided with child care assistance, and have a child who is under the age of 6 and not in school for a full day. This rule amends Title 18 of the New York State Codes, Rules and Regulations (NYCRR) Section 415.4(c)(3).

3) Professional Services:

There is no anticipated impact on professional services.

4) Compliance Costs:

The costs associated with the proposed changes are anticipated to be minimal and are allowable expenditures under the child care block grant.

5) Economic and Technological Feasibility:

There are no economic or technological impacts on child care programs or local districts.

6) Minimizing Adverse Impact:

There is no anticipated adverse impact on small businesses or on local governments.

7) Small Business and Local Government Participation:

OCFS will provide guidance and outreach to small businesses, local districts and local governments that are impacted by the new regulation.