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SENATE BILL DRS15274-LU-66

Short Title: Child Care Center Capacity Amendment Act. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators Chaudhuri and Burgin (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO PROVIDE FLEXIBILITY IN CHILD CARE SETTINGS BY ALLOWING AN
3 INCREASE IN MAXIMUM GROUP SIZES FOR INFANTS AND TODDLERS AND
4 ALIGNING THE LICENSING RULE REGARDING NAP TIME SUPERVISION FOR
5 ONE-YEAR OLDS WITH THE RULE FOR TWO-YEAR OLDS.

6 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

7 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 110-91(7)a. reads as rewritten:

8 "a. The Commission shall adopt rules for child care centers regarding
9 staff-child ratios, group sizes and multi-age groupings other than for
10 infants and toddlers, provided that these rules shall be no less stringent
11 than those currently required for staff-child ratios as enacted in Section
12 156(e) of Chapter 757 of the 1985 Session Laws.

13 1. Except as otherwise provided in this subdivision, the minimum
14 staff-child ratios and group sizes for infants and toddlers in
15 child care centers shall be no less stringent than as follows:

16 Age	16 Ratio Staff/Children	16 Group Size
17 0 to 12 months	17 1/5	17 10 15
18 12 to 24 months	18 1/6	18 12 18
19 2 to 3 years	19 1/10	19 20.

20 No child care center shall care for more than 25 children in one
21 group. Child care centers providing care for 26 or more
22 children shall provide for two or more groups according to the
23 ages of children and shall provide separate supervisory
24 personnel and separate identifiable space for each group.

25 1a. If a child care center is operating under voluntary enhanced
26 requirements, the maximum group size for toddlers aged two
27 to three years may be increased from 18 to 20 children when
28 the child care center maintains a 1/9 staff-child ratio.

29 1b. If a child care center is operating under the highest voluntary
30 enhanced requirements, the child care center may use the
31 following maximum group sizes for infants and toddlers when
32 the child care center maintains staff-child ratios as provided
33 herein:

34 Age	34 Ratio Staff/Children	34 Group Size
35 0 to 12 months	35 1/4	35 12
36 12 to 24 months	36 1/5	36 15



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For groups of children one year of age or older, the staff/child ratio during nap time shall comply with the requirements of rules adopted by the Commission if (i) at least one person remains in the room, (ii) all children are visible to that person, and (iii) the total number of required staff are on the premises and within calling distance of the rooms occupied by children.

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SECTION 2. This act is effective when it becomes law.