

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1540

Page 1, line 1, after "to" insert "create and enact a new section to chapter 50-11.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to child care staffing ratios; and to"

Page 1, after line 4, insert:

"SECTION 1. A new section to chapter 50-11.1 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as follows:

Staffing requirements.

1. Staffing requirements for an early childhood services provider under a self-declaration apply to the number of children physically in care at the self-declaration premises at any given time, rather than total enrollment, subject to the limitations of subsection 24 of section 50-11.1-02.
2. Staffing requirements for family child care apply to the number of children physically in care at the family child care at any given time, rather than total enrollment, subject to the limitations of subsection 7 of section 50-11.1-02 and subsection 1 of section 50-11.1-03.
3. If providing group child care or child care at a child care center:
 - a. For children less than eighteen months of age, one staff member may care for no more than five children, with a maximum group size of ten children.
 - b. For children eighteen months of age to thirty-six months of age, one staff member may care for no more than five children, with a maximum group size of fifteen children.
 - c. For children thirty-six months of age to kindergarten, one staff member may care for no more than ten children, with a maximum group size of twenty-five children.
 - d. For children in grades kindergarten and above, one staff member may care for no more than twenty-five children, with a maximum group size of thirty children for group child care and fifty children for a child care center.
4. If providing school-age child care for children in grades kindergarten and above, one staff member may care for no more than twenty-five children, with a maximum group size of fifty children.
5. If providing preschool services:
 - a. For children less than thirty-six months of age, one staff member may care for no more than six children.
 - b. For children thirty-six months to forty-eight months of age, one staff member may care for no more than twelve children.