

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1422

Page 1, line 1, after the first "to" insert "create and enact a new subsection to section 50-11.1-03 and two new sections to chapter 50-11.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to staffing as group sizes for licensed child care; to amend and reenact subsection 9 of section 50-11.1-02 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the definition of group child care; and to"

Page 1, after line 3, insert:

"SECTION 1. AMENDMENT. Subsection 9 of section 50-11.1-02 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

9. "Group child care" means a child care program licensed to provide early childhood services for eighteenthirty or fewer children.

SECTION 2. A new subsection to section 50-11.1-03 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as follows:

A license is not required for onsite child care provided by an employer for the children of employees which is not open to the public.

SECTION 3. A new section to chapter 50-11.1 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as follows:

Play area regulation.

The department may not require the recreation areas used by children in a facility licensed under this chapter to be indoors.

SECTION 4. A new section to chapter 50-11.1 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as follows:

Staffing requirements.

1. The operator shall ensure that the center or group child care facility is sufficiently staffed at all times to meet the child-to-staff ratios for children in attendance and that no more children than the licensed capacity are served at one time.
2. The minimum ratio of staff members responsible for caring for or teaching children to children in a child care center and a group child care facility and maximum group size of children must be:
 - a. If all children in care are less than eighteen months of age, one staff member may care for five children, a ratio of .20 in decimal form, with a maximum group size of ten children with two staff members;
 - b. If all children in care are eighteen months of age to thirty-six months of age, one staff member may care for seven children, a ratio of .14 in

decimal form, with a maximum group size of fifteen children with two staff members;

- c. If all children in care are three years of age to four years of age, one staff member may care for ten children, a ratio of .10 in decimal form, with a maximum group size of twenty children with two staff members;
- d. If all children in care are four years of age to five years of age, one staff member may care for twelve children, a ratio of .08 in decimal form, with a maximum group size of twenty-five children with two staff members;
- e. If all children in care are five years of age to six years of age, one staff member may care for fifteen children, a ratio of .05 in decimal form, with a maximum group size of thirty children with two staff members; and
- f. If all children in care are six years of age to twelve years of age, one staff member may care for an unlimited number of children."

Page 1, line 5, replace "\$15,425,000" with "\$2,100,000"

Page 1, remove lines 11 through 14

Renumber accordingly