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HOUSE BILL 896

Short Title: Large Day Care Home Change.

(Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Gardner; and Watson.

Referred to: Human Resources.

April 8, 1997

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO CHANGE THE LAW REGARDING STAFF/CHILD RATIOS FOR CHILD DAY CARE FACILITIES TO ADDRESS THE SPECIAL NEEDS OF LARGE CHILD DAY CARE HOMES.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. G.S. 110-91(7) reads as rewritten:

"(7) Staff-Child Ratio. – In determining the staff-child ratio, all children younger than 13 years shall be counted. The Commission shall adopt rules regarding staff-child ratios, group sizes and multi-age groupings for each category of facility other than for infants and toddlers, provided that these rules shall be no less stringent than those currently required for staff-child ratios as enacted in Section 156(e) of Chapter 757 of the 1985 Session Laws. The staff-child ratios and group sizes for infants and toddlers for all facilities except child day care large homes for infants and toddlers shall be no less stringent than as follows:

Age	Ratio	Group Size
0 to 12 months	5	10
12 to 24 months	6	12
2 to 3 years	10	20.

1                    The staff-child ratio for child day care large homes for all children  
2 shall be no less stringent than as follows:

<u>Age</u>	<u>Ratio</u>	<u>Qualifications</u>
<u>0 to 13 years</u>		<u>8a. There is no specific group size requirement. No more than three children may be less than 12 months old with one caregiver.</u> <u>b. When only one caregiver is required to meet this staff-child ratio, the operator shall make available to parents the name, address, and phone number of an adult who is nearby and available for emergency relief.</u> <u>c. Children shall be supervised at all times. All children who are not asleep or resting shall be visually supervised. Children may sleep or rest in another room as long as a caregiver can hear them and respond immediately."</u>

22                    Section 2. This act becomes effective October 1, 1997.