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HOUSE BILL DRH40373-LU-87A

Short Title: Require Safety Call/Child Care Facilities. (Public)

Sponsors: Representative Davis.

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO REQUIRE CHILD CARE FACILITIES TO CONDUCT MORNING SAFETY
3 CALLS FOR ABSENT CHILDREN TO ENSURE CHILD SAFETY.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 **SECTION 1.** Article 7 of Chapter 110 of the General Statutes is amended by adding
6 a new section to read:

7 "**§ 110-102.1B. Require morning safety call.**

8 To ensure child safety, as well as reduce the number of child vehicular heat stroke deaths, the
9 Department shall require a child care facility, as defined in G.S. 110-86, to conduct a morning
10 safety call to the parent or guardian of a child who is 5 years of age or younger and enrolled in
11 the child care facility upon determining the child's absence when the parent or guardian has not
12 provided prior notice of the child's absence to the facility. The child care facility shall place the
13 safety call no later than 30 minutes after the anticipated time the child should have arrived at the
14 child care facility. The child care facility shall notify the parent or guardian of the child by any
15 method of communication feasible for the facility to implement, including, but not limited to, a
16 phone call, automated message by phone, text message, or email. In accordance with this section,
17 each child care facility shall do the following:

18 (1) Ensure the parents or guardians of children enrolled in the facility are
19 informed of the morning safety call process and the method by which the
20 notifications shall be delivered if their child is absent.

21 (2) Maintain a log with the method by which the facility communicated the child's
22 absence to the parent or guardian and the date and time of the
23 communication."

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

