

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
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SENATE BILL 745

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

Sponsors: Senators Chaudhuri and Burgin (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to: Rules and Operations of the Senate

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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:

Age	Ratio Staff/Children	Group Size
0 to 12 months	1/5	<del>4</del> 15
12 to 24 months	1/6	<del>12</del> 18
2 to 3 years	1/10	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:

<u>Age</u>	<u>Ratio Staff/Children</u>	<u>Group Size</u>
<u>0 to 12 months</u>	<u>1/4</u>	<u>12</u>
<u>12 to 24 months</u>	<u>1/5</u>	<u>15</u>



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