

Subject Child care center licensing requirements

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Overview

This bill, as amended by the DE1, changes the qualifications needed to work or volunteer in a licensed child care center, modifies center staffing patterns, and directs the commissioner of human services or the commissioner of children, youth, and families to amend specified rules governing centers. The bill, as amended by the DE1, also moves various requirements for licensed child care centers from Minnesota Rules to Minnesota Statutes.

Summary

Section	Description
1	<p>Experience.</p> <p>Amends § 142B.01, subd. 12. Modifies the definition of “experience” to include paid or unpaid employment as a “staff person” or “unsupervised volunteer” in a child care setting for purposes of determining an individual’s qualifications to work in a licensed child care center.</p>
2	<p>Child care center training requirements.</p> <p>Amends § 142B.65. Modifies training requirements for individuals who work or volunteer in licensed child care centers, by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ modifying the definitions of “substitute” and “staff person” and “unsupervised volunteer”; and▪ providing that various types of required training count toward the in-service training required each calendar year for directors, staff persons, substitutes, and unsupervised volunteers.
3	<p>Child care center director qualifications.</p> <p>Establishes § 142B.671. Adds to statute and modifies the qualifications an individual must meet to be a director of a licensed child care center. Currently, the qualifications for a director of a licensed child care center are in Minnesota Rules, part 9503.0031.</p>

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4	<p data-bbox="318 264 894 289">Child care center staff ratios and group size.</p> <p data-bbox="318 310 618 336">Establishes § 142B.673.</p> <p data-bbox="367 380 1422 527">Subd. 1. Staff-to-child ratios and maximum group size. Adds to statute, without modification, the staff-to-child ratios and maximum group size requirements that currently apply to licensed child care centers under Minnesota Rules, part 9503.0040, subpart 1.</p> <p data-bbox="367 569 1317 674">Subd. 2. Staff distribution. Adds to statute and modifies staff distribution requirements for licensed child care centers. Currently, staff distribution requirements are in Minnesota Rules, part 9503.0040, subpart 2.</p> <p data-bbox="367 716 1373 821">Subd. 3. Age category grouping. Adds to statute and modifies age category grouping requirements for licensed child care centers. Currently, age category grouping requirements are in Minnesota Rules, part 9503.0040, subpart 3.</p> <p data-bbox="367 863 1422 1050">Subd. 4. Age categories and designations. Paragraph (a) adds to statute, without modification, the age categories that apply to children based on age. Paragraph (b) adds to statute exceptions to the age categories, with an additional allowance for a child to be designated a “toddler” at 14 months old. Currently, age designations are governed under Minnesota Rules, part 9503.0040, subpart 4.</p>
5	<p data-bbox="318 1094 1365 1157">Direction to commissioner of children, youth, and families; amending child care center requirements.</p> <p data-bbox="318 1178 1406 1241">Directs the commissioner of human services or the commissioner of children, youth, or families to amend specified rules governing licensed child care centers.</p> <p data-bbox="367 1283 1422 1545">Subd. 1. Changes to child care center record requirements. Directs the commissioner to: (1) remove the requirements that a child’s record contain contact information for the child’s regular and emergency sources of medical and dental care and that the record contain separate documentation of any individual child care program needs for the child; and (2) provide that the a child’s record need only contain information for one emergency contact rather than two.</p> <p data-bbox="367 1587 1398 1692">Subd. 2. Changes to child care center health requirements. Directs the commissioner to remove the requirement that a program serving infants have a health consultation review completed monthly.</p> <p data-bbox="367 1734 1373 1845">Subd. 3. Changes to child care center facility requirements. Directs the commissioner to allow a minimum temperature of 65 degrees Fahrenheit in a center.</p>

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Subd. 4. Changes to child care center staff ratios. Directs the commissioner to change the definition of “toddler” to allow a child to be designated as a toddler at 14 months old.

Subd. 5. Good cause exempt process. Allows the commissioner to use an expedited rulemaking process to amend rules as required under this section.

6 Repealer.

Paragraph (a) repeals Minnesota Statutes, section 142B.41, subdivision 7 (determining when an individual employed as an aide may work with children without direct supervision in a licensed child care center).

Paragraph (b) repeals the following Minnesota Rules governing staffing requirements and staff qualifications for licensed child care centers:

- 9503.0031 (Directors);
- 9503.0032 (Teachers);
- 9503.0033 (Assistant teachers);
- 9503.0034 (Aides, volunteers, substitutes); and
- 9503.0040 (Staff ratios and group size).



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