

Amendment to HB 1407

1 Amend the bill by replacing all after the enacting clause with the following:

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3 1 Child Day Care Licensing; Rulemaking; Child Care Staffing Ratios. Amend RSA 170-E:11,
4 I(c) to read as follows:

5 (c) The number of individuals or staff required to insure adequate supervision and care
6 of the children received *including a waiver system based on the following:*

7 (1) *For children ages 6 weeks to 12 months, the maximum group size shall be*
8 *13 with the following minimum staffing levels:*

9 (A) *One associate teacher with up to 4 children;*

10 (B) *One associate teacher and one assistant teacher with 5 to 9 children;*

11 *and*

12 (C) *One lead teacher and 2 assistant teachers with 9 to 13 children.*

13 (2) *For children ages 13 to 24 months, the maximum group size shall be 16*
14 *with the following minimum staffing levels:*

15 (A) *One associate teacher with up to 5 children;*

16 (B) *One associate teacher and one assistant teacher with 6 to 11*
17 *children; and*

18 (C) *One lead teacher and 2 assistant teachers with 11 to 16 children.*

19 (3) *For children ages 25 to 35 months, the maximum group size shall be 19*
20 *with the following minimum staffing levels:*

21 (A) *One associate teacher with up to 6 children;*

22 (B) *One associate teacher and one assistant teacher with 7 to 13*
23 *children; and*

24 (C) *One lead teacher and 2 assistant teachers with 13 to 19 children.*

25 (4) *Any licensed child care provider may apply for a one year waiver under*
26 *this paragraph. The department shall not deny a waiver unless there is a documented*
27 *cause for such denial. The definition of documented cause shall be established in rules*
28 *adopted by the department. There shall be no limit on the number of waivers, and there*
29 *shall be no fee for the application for or renewal of a waiver. Waivers may be renewed*
30 *annually.*

31 (5) *The department shall make an interim report to the speaker of the house*
32 *of representatives and the president of the senate on the number of waivers applied for,*

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1 ***granted, and denied by November 1, 2025. The department shall make a final report on the***
2 ***number of waivers applied for, granted, denied, and renewed by November 1, 2026.***

3 2 Effective December 31, 2026; Child Day Care Licensing; Rulemaking; Child Care Staffing
4 Ratios. RSA 170-E:11, I(c) is repealed and reenacted to read as follows:

5 (c) The number of individuals or staff required to insure adequate supervision and care
6 of the children received.

7 3 Effective Date.

8 I. Section 2 of this act shall take effect December 31, 2026.

9 II. The remainder of this act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

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AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill creates a waiver for larger rations in licensed child care facilities for infants and toddlers. This bill also prospectively repeals the waiver in 2026.