

HB 1771-FN - AS INTRODUCED

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HOUSE BILL

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AN ACT removing prospective repeal of child care staffing ratios and the associated waiver system and requiring the department of health and human services to provide certain notice regarding availability of the waiver.

SPONSORS: Rep. Peternel, Carr. 6; Rep. Drye, Sull. 7

COMMITTEE: Children and Family Law

ANALYSIS

This bill repeals the prospective repeal of child care staffing ratios and the associated waiver system. The bill also requires the department of health and human services to provide annual notice to child care providers of the option to request a waiver of the child care staffing requirements.

Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.
Matter removed from current law appears ~~[in brackets and struckthrough.]~~
Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty-Six

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Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

1 1 Child Care Licensing; Child Care Staffing Ratios; Notice of Waiver. Amend RSA 170-E:11,
2 I(c)(5) to read as follows:

3 (5) ***The department shall provide an annual notice to licensed child care***
4 ***providers of the option to request a waiver of the child care staffing requirements***
5 ***established under this subparagraph.***

6 (6) The department shall make an interim report to the speaker of the house of
7 representatives and the president of the senate on the number of waivers applied for, granted, and
8 denied by November 1, 2025. The department shall make a ~~[final]~~ report on the number of waivers
9 applied for, granted, denied, and renewed by November 1, 2026 ***and annually thereafter.***

10 2 Repeal. 2024, 197:3, I, relative to the prospective repeal on December 31, 2026, of RSA 170-
11 E:11, I(c) relative to child care staffing ratios and the waiver system, is repealed.

12 3 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

**HB 1771-FN- FISCAL NOTE
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FISCAL IMPACT:

The Office of Legislative Budget Assistant states this bill has no fiscal impact on state, county and local expenditures or revenue.

AGENCIES CONTACTED:

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