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H. F. No. 3750

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Children and Families Finance and Policy

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to children, youth, and families licensing; amending certain requirements
1.3 governing licenses and license exemptions for crisis nurseries; requiring a report;
1.4 amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 142B.05, subdivision 2.

1.5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 142B.05, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

1.7 Subd. 2. Exclusion from licensure. (a) This chapter does not apply to:

1.8 (1) residential or nonresidential programs that are provided to a person by an individual
1.9 who is related unless the residential program is a child foster care placement made by a
1.10 local social services agency or a licensed child-placing agency, except as provided in
1.11 subdivision 3;

1.12 (2) nonresidential programs that are provided by an unrelated individual to persons from
1.13 a single related family;

1.14 (3) programs operated by a public school for children 33 months or older;

1.15 (4) nonresidential programs primarily for children that provide care or supervision for
1.16 periods of less than three hours a day while the child's parent or legal guardian is in the
1.17 same building as the nonresidential program or present within another building that is
1.18 directly contiguous to the building in which the nonresidential program is located;

1.19 (5) homes providing programs for persons placed by a county or a licensed agency for
1.20 legal adoption, unless the adoption is not completed within two years;

1.21 (6) programs licensed or certified by the commissioner of corrections;

2.1 (7) recreation programs for children or adults that are operated or approved by a park
2.2 and recreation board whose primary purpose is to provide social and recreational activities;

2.3 (8) programs operated by a school as defined in section 120A.22, subdivision 4; YMCA
2.4 as defined in section 315.44; YWCA as defined in section 315.44; or JCC as defined in
2.5 section 315.51, whose primary purpose is to provide child care or services to school-age
2.6 children;

2.7 (9) Head Start nonresidential programs that operate for less than 45 days in each calendar
2.8 year;

2.9 (10) programs for children such as scouting, boys clubs, girls clubs, and sports and art
2.10 programs, and nonresidential programs for children provided for a cumulative total of less
2.11 than 30 days in any 12-month period;

2.12 (11) the religious instruction of school-age children; Sabbath or Sunday schools; or the
2.13 congregate care of children by a church, congregation, or religious society during the period
2.14 used by the church, congregation, or religious society for its regular worship;

2.15 (12) camps licensed by the commissioner of health under Minnesota Rules, chapter
2.16 4630;

2.17 (13) residential programs serving school-age children whose sole purpose is cultural or
2.18 educational exchange, until the commissioner adopts appropriate rules;

2.19 (14) community support services programs as defined in section 245.462, subdivision
2.20 6, and family community support services as defined in section 245.4871, subdivision 17;

2.21 (15) the placement of a child by a birth parent or legal guardian in a preadoptive home
2.22 for purposes of adoption as authorized by section 259.47;

2.23 (16) a program serving only children who are age 33 months or older, that is operated
2.24 by a nonpublic school, for no more than four hours per day per child, with no more than 20
2.25 children at any one time, and that is accredited by:

2.26 (i) an accrediting agency that is formally recognized by the commissioner of education
2.27 as a nonpublic school accrediting organization; or

2.28 (ii) an accrediting agency that requires background studies and that receives and
2.29 investigates complaints about the services provided.

2.30 A program that asserts its exemption from licensure under item (ii) shall, upon request from
2.31 the commissioner, provide the commissioner with documentation from the accrediting
2.32 agency that verifies that the accreditation is current, that the accrediting agency investigates

3.1 complaints about services, and that the accrediting agency's standards require background
3.2 studies on all people providing direct contact services;

3.3 (17) a program operated by a nonprofit organization incorporated in Minnesota or another
3.4 state that serves youth in kindergarten through grade 12; provides structured, supervised
3.5 youth development activities; and has learning opportunities take place before or after
3.6 school, on weekends, or during the summer or other seasonal breaks in the school calendar.
3.7 A program exempt under this clause is not eligible for child care assistance under chapter
3.8 142E. A program exempt under this clause must:

3.9 (i) have a director or supervisor on site who is responsible for overseeing written policies
3.10 relating to the management and control of the daily activities of the program, ensuring the
3.11 health and safety of program participants, and supervising staff and volunteers;

3.12 (ii) have obtained written consent from a parent or legal guardian for each youth
3.13 participating in activities at the site; and

3.14 (iii) have provided written notice to a parent or legal guardian for each youth at the site
3.15 that the program is not licensed or supervised by the state of Minnesota and is not eligible
3.16 to receive child care assistance payments;

3.17 (18) Head Start programs that serve only children who are at least three years old but
3.18 not yet six years old; ~~or~~

3.19 (19) programs licensed by the commissioner of human services under chapter 245A; or

3.20 (20) crisis nurseries currently in operation that are licensed under chapter 245A as a
3.21 children's residential facility and that provide safe, short-term care for children whose
3.22 caregivers face a crisis. Crisis nurseries licensed under chapter 245A as a children's residential
3.23 facility and under chapter 142B as a special family child care home must be allowed to
3.24 continue current operations even when exempted from chapter 142B licensure under this
3.25 clause. This clause expires July 1, 2027.

3.26 (b) For purposes of paragraph (a), clause (4), a building is directly contiguous to a
3.27 building in which a nonresidential program is located if it shares a common wall with the
3.28 building in which the nonresidential program is located or is attached to that building by
3.29 skyway, tunnel, atrium, or common roof.

3.30 (c) Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to require licensure for any services
3.31 provided and funded according to an approved federal waiver plan where licensure is
3.32 specifically identified as not being a condition for the services and funding.

4.1 Sec. 2. **DIRECTION TO COMMISSIONER OF CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND**
4.2 **FAMILIES; CRISIS NURSERY LICENSING.**

4.3 The commissioner of children, youth, and families must develop a licensing framework
4.4 for crisis nurseries that provide safe, short-term care for children whose caregivers face a
4.5 crisis. The framework must include pathways for organizations to become licensed crisis
4.6 nurseries, background study and training requirements, and ways to reduce redundancy and
4.7 resolve current conflicting requirements. In developing the framework, the commissioner
4.8 must work with stakeholders and current crisis nursery organizations. By January 15, 2027,
4.9 the commissioner must submit a report to the chairs and ranking minority members of the
4.10 legislative committees with jurisdiction over children, youth, and families licensing. The
4.11 report must contain an overview of the licensing framework, a detailed explanation of the
4.12 framework, and proposed legislation to make any statutory changes that are needed to
4.13 implement the new license for crisis nurseries.