

**Subject** Child care assistance program absent days limit exemption

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## Summary

This bill permits a child care provider who receives funding from the child care assistance program to apply for an absent days limit exemption when an extraordinary event results in substantially less than normal attendance or closure. An “extraordinary event” is defined as a circumstance affecting the community that is beyond the control of a child care provider. The bill directs the commissioner of children, youth, and families to establish the application procedure for an absent days limit exemption and a method for determining how long an extraordinary event lasts.

Under current law, there is an “absent days limit” that prohibits child care providers from being reimbursed for more than 25 full-day absent days per child, excluding holidays, in a calendar year and for more than ten consecutive full-day absent days.