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## Bill Summary

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### Overview

This bill changes the definition of “preschooler” for purposes of family and group family day care age classifications and adult/child ratios. It also allows qualified caregivers to provide care in the absence of the license holder for up to 40 percent of the setting’s total annual operating hours.

#### Section

- 1 Family day care and group family day care child age classifications.** Amends § 245A.02, subd. 19. Paragraph (e) changes the definition of “preschooler” from a child who is 24 months old up to the age of being eligible to enter kindergarten within the next four months to a child who is 24 months old up to school age.

Paragraph (f) changes the definition of “school age” to conform with the new definition of “preschooler.”

- 2 Family child care license holders; primary caregivers; substitutes.** Creates § 245A.49. Paragraph (a) requires children to be supervised by a licensed provider, a qualified caregiver who meets the training requirements for a family child care license holder, or a substitute.

Paragraph (b) requires the licensed provider to be the primary care provider. Allows a qualified caregiver to provide care, in the absence of the licensed provided, no more than 40 percent of the setting’s total annual operating hours. Allows a substitute to provide care for no more than 30 hours within any 12-month period.