

**Subject** Temporary modifications to group size and staffing rules for licensed child care centers

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### Overview

This bill, as amended by H.F. 2817DE1, directs the commissioner of human services to temporarily modify the rules governing group size and staff-to-child ratios for licensed child care centers until June 30, 2023. The bill also directs the commissioner to report to the legislature, by June 30, 2023, on how the modifications affect the safety of children receiving care in centers.

### Summary

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<b>1</b>	<b>Direction to commissioner of human services; temporary changes to child care staffing and group size rules.</b>
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Directs the commissioner to temporarily modify the rules governing group size and staffing ratios for licensed child care centers until June 30, 2023.

**Subd. 1. Temporary changes to staffing and group size rules.** Paragraph (a) directs the commissioner to require centers to have on site at all times when children are in the center's care: (1) a teacher-qualified staff person, except during arrival and departure times; and (2) a staff person who is responsible for overseeing the program. The staff person responsible for overseeing the program is not required to have the qualifications of a director.

Paragraph (b) requires that the first staff member that a center includes to meet the required staff-to-child ratio must be at least 18 years old and must have at least the qualifications of an aide, rather than a teacher.

Paragraph (c) modifies the rules governing how centers mix children, excluding infants, in different age categories.

Paragraph (d) provides that the modifications are in effect until June 30, 2023.

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**Subd. 2. Required report.** Requires the commissioner to submit a report to the legislature by June 30, 2023, that describes any effects the changes to the rules have on the safety of children receiving care in child care centers.



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