

Subject Child care licensing requirements

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Overview

The bill, as amended by the DE1, moves various child care licensing requirements from Minnesota Rules to Minnesota Statutes, sometimes with modifications that reflect the draft regulation standards issued by the Department of Human Services. The DE1 also amends current licensing requirements in statute and repeals parts of rules.

Summary

Section	Description
1	Definitions. Adds subdivisions to § 142B.01. Adds definitions to statute for types of individuals who provide care to children in licensed family and group family child care settings.
2	Child care center parent access to program. Establishes § 142B.68. Moves from rules to statute, with modifications, requirements governing when a parent or guardian must have access to the parent's or guardian's child when the child is attending a licensed child care center. Provides that a parent or legal guardian must have access to the child any time, unless a court order or other legal documentation restricts access to the child. Requires that a copy of any court order or other legal documentation is kept in the child's record.
3	Child care center requirements for furnishings, equipment, and materials. Establishes § 142B.69. Moves from rules to statute, with modifications, requirements regarding the types of furnishings, equipment, and materials a licensed child care center must have when serving infants, toddlers, preschoolers, and school-age children.

Section	Description
4	Licensed capacity, child to adult ratios, and age distribution requirements for family child care. Establishes § 142B.761. Moves from rules to statute, with modifications, requirements governing licensed capacity, child to adult ratios, and age distribution for licensed family and group family child care providers.
5	Supervision of family child care license holder's own child. Amends § 142B.77. Provides that caregivers, in regard to the care of their own child in the licensed family or group family child care program, do not have to comply with specified requirements related to behavior guidance, activities and equipment, provision of food and water, and care for children with disabilities. Allows the commissioner to enforce the requirements when a caregiver's actions toward their own child affect the other children in care.
6	Repealer. Repeals parts of rules that are moved to statute under the act.



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