

S.F. No. 827 – Group family day care child-adult capacity ratios and age distribution restrictions modifications (1st Engrossment)

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Section 1 [245A.03, subdivision 10, paragraph (a)] increases from 14 to 18 the maximum licensed capacity of group family child care providers.

Paragraphs (b) to (d) supersedes and modifies the child to adult caregiver ratios and age distribution restrictions for group family child care providers provisions in Minnesota Rules. Instead of setting an explicit limit on the number of school-age children, under school-age children, toddlers, and infants, the revised ratios define the total capacity for a provider, the total number of children under school age (under five years old), and the total number of infants. Accordingly, a provider may serve any combination of children under five years old up to the permitted maximum, provided that they do not exceed the permitted number of infants.

Section 2 (section 245A.14, subdivision 1) increases from 14 to 18 the number of children that may be services by a group family day care in single-family residential home for the purposes of the purposes of zoning and other land use regulations.

Section 3 (245A.14, subdivision 4) increases from 14 to 18 the maximum licensed capacity of a special family day care home and increases the child to staff ratio from seven to one to nine to one.

Section 4 (245A.16, subdivision 1) makes a conforming change to the existing prohibition on county agencies issuing variances to exceed the maximum allowable family child care license capacity.