

A bill for an act

relating to human services; proposing a family day care demonstration project;
requiring reports.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

Section 1. **FAMILY DAY CARE; DEMONSTRATION PROJECT.**

Subdivision 1. **Project.** A two-year demonstration project is authorized to be
conducted by Catherwood Home Child Care in conjunction with the commissioner
of human services.

Subd. 2. **Purpose.** The purpose of the demonstration project is to study a new
classification for family day care that would allow flexibility to the provider to care for
school-age children in excess of licensed capacity for limited periods throughout the day
under specified circumstances.

Subd. 3. **Program requirements.** (a) The demonstration project must comply with
the following standards:

(1) only school-age children shall be accepted for care in excess of licensed capacity;

(2) the program may provide care for school-age children in excess of licensed
capacity for not more than ten hours during a 24-hour period;

(3) the program may provide care for school-age children in excess of licensed
capacity only during nontraditional hours, after school, during shift change, during the
summer, and on days when school is not in session;

(4) the program shall maintain a 7:1 child-to-staff ratio;

(5) a maximum of 25 children may be on premises at one time with a minimum of
three adult caregivers and one aide present;

2.1 (6) the program shall maintain the square footage requirement of 35 square feet of
2.2 indoor space per child and 50 square feet of outdoor space per child; and

2.3 (7) the program shall ensure that all staff members receive a minimum of 12 hours
2.4 of continuing education credits each year during the demonstration project.

2.5 (b) The county agency shall conduct inspections at six-month intervals throughout
2.6 the demonstration project to ensure the program maintains compliance with applicable
2.7 statutes, rules, and requirements for the demonstration project.

2.8 Subd. 4. **Reports.** (a) The county agency and Catherwood Home Child Care shall
2.9 submit interim written reports to the commissioner no later than August 1, 2008, and final
2.10 reports no later than September 1, 2009.

2.11 (b) The commissioner shall submit a final report to the legislature no later than
2.12 January 15, 2010, with any recommendations for proposed legislation.