

This Document can be made available in alternative formats upon request

State of Minnesota

Printed Page No. 350

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NINETY-FOURTH SESSION

H. F. No. 4384

- 03/16/2026 Authored by Bakeberg, West and Engen
- The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Children and Families Finance and Policy
- 04/07/2026 Adoption of Report: Re-referred to the Committee on Ways and Means
- 04/16/2026 By motion, recalled from the Committee on Ways and Means and placed on the General Register
- Read for the Second Time
- 05/14/2026 By motion, pursuant to Rule 1.21, be placed on the Calendar for the Day
- 05/16/2026 Calendar for the Day, Amended
- Read Third Time as Amended
- Passed by the House as Amended and transmitted to the Senate to include Floor Amendments

1.1 A bill for an act

1.2 relating to child care; modifying requirements for abusive head trauma training

1.3 for child care providers; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 142B.65,

1.4 subdivision 7; 142B.70, subdivision 6; 142C.12, subdivision 3.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 142B.65, subdivision 7, is amended to read:

1.7 Subd. 7. **Abusive head trauma training.** (a) Before caring for children under school

1.8 age, the director, staff persons, substitutes, and unsupervised volunteers must receive training

1.9 on the risk of abusive head trauma during orientation and each calendar year thereafter.

1.10 (b) Abusive head trauma training under this subdivision must be at least one-half hour

1.11 in length. At a minimum, the training must address the risk factors related to shaking infants

1.12 and young children, means to reduce the risk of abusive head trauma in child care, and

1.13 license holder communication with parents regarding reducing the risk of abusive head

1.14 trauma. The training must be interactive and must not consist only of reading or viewing

1.15 information.

1.16 (c) Except if completed during orientation, training taken under this subdivision may

1.17 be used to meet the in-service training requirements under subdivision 9.

1.18 (d) The commissioner shall make available for viewing a video presentation on the

1.19 dangers associated with shaking infants and young children, which may be used in

1.20 conjunction with the annual training required under paragraph (b).

1.21 EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective January 1, 2027.

2.1 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 142B.70, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

2.2 Subd. 6. **Sudden unexpected infant death and abusive head trauma training.** (a)

2.3 License holders must ensure and document that before the license holder, second adult  
2.4 caregivers, substitutes, and helpers assist in the care of infants, they are instructed on the  
2.5 standards in section 142B.46 and receive training on reducing the risk of sudden unexpected  
2.6 infant death. In addition, license holders must ensure and document that before the license  
2.7 holder, second adult caregivers, substitutes, and helpers assist in the care of infants and  
2.8 children under school age, they receive training on reducing the risk of abusive head trauma  
2.9 from shaking infants and young children. The training in this subdivision may be provided  
2.10 as initial training under subdivision 1 or ongoing annual training under subdivision 8.

2.11 (b) Sudden unexpected infant death reduction training required under this subdivision  
2.12 must, at a minimum, address the risk factors related to sudden unexpected infant death,  
2.13 means of reducing the risk of sudden unexpected infant death in child care, and license  
2.14 holder communication with parents regarding reducing the risk of sudden unexpected infant  
2.15 death.

2.16 (c) Abusive head trauma training required under this subdivision must, at a minimum,  
2.17 address the risk factors related to shaking infants and young children, means of reducing  
2.18 the risk of abusive head trauma in child care, and license holder communication with parents  
2.19 regarding reducing the risk of abusive head trauma. The training must be interactive and  
2.20 must not consist only of reading or viewing information.

2.21 (d) Training for family and group family child care providers must be developed by the  
2.22 commissioner in conjunction with the Minnesota Sudden Infant Death Center and approved  
2.23 by the Minnesota Center for Professional Development. Sudden unexpected infant death  
2.24 reduction training and abusive head trauma training may be provided in a single course of  
2.25 no more than two hours in length.

2.26 (e) Sudden unexpected infant death reduction training and abusive head trauma training  
2.27 required under this subdivision must be completed in person ~~or as allowed under subdivision~~  
2.28 ~~11, clause (1) or (2), at least once every two years. On the years when the individual receiving~~  
2.29 ~~training is not receiving training in person or as allowed under subdivision 11, clause (1)~~  
2.30 ~~or (2), the individual receiving training in accordance with this subdivision must receive~~  
2.31 ~~sudden unexpected infant death reduction training and abusive head trauma training through~~  
2.32 ~~a video of no more than one hour in length. The video must be developed or approved by~~  
2.33 ~~the commissioner~~ or online each calendar year.

3.1 (f) An individual who is related to the license holder as defined in section 142B.01,  
3.2 subdivision 15, and who is involved only in the care of the license holder's own infant or  
3.3 child under school age and who is not designated to be a second adult caregiver, helper, or  
3.4 substitute for the licensed program, is exempt from the sudden unexpected infant death and  
3.5 abusive head trauma training.

3.6 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2027.

3.7 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 142C.12, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

3.8 Subd. 3. **Abusive head trauma.** A certified center that cares for a child under school  
3.9 age must ensure that the director and all staff persons, including substitutes and unsupervised  
3.10 volunteers, receive training on abusive head trauma before assisting in the care of a child  
3.11 under school age. The training must be interactive and must not consist only of reading or  
3.12 viewing information.

3.13 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2027.