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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Early Childhood Finance and Policy

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to human services; modifying group family day care child-adult capacity
1.3 ratios and age distribution restrictions; amending Minnesota Statutes 2020, section
1.4 245A.03, by adding a subdivision.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 245A.03, is amended by adding a subdivision
1.7 to read:

1.8 Subd. 10. Group family day care child-adult capacity ratios; age distribution
1.9 restrictions. (a) The commissioner shall issue group family day care licenses according to
1.10 the capacity ratios and age distribution restrictions in this subdivision. For purposes of this
1.11 subdivision, "group family day care" means day care for no more than 18 children at any
1.12 one time. The total number of children includes all children of any caregiver when the
1.13 children are present in the residence.

1.14 (b) For a group family day care program with a licensed capacity of ten children, one
1.15 adult shall serve no more than ten children under 11 years old. Of those ten, no more than
1.16 eight may be under five years old. Of those eight, no more than two may be under 12 months
1.17 but over six weeks old.

1.18 (c) For a group family day care program with a licensed capacity of 12 children, one
1.19 adult shall serve no more than 12 children under 11 years old. Of those 12, no more than
1.20 ten may be under five years old. Of those ten, no more than two may be under 12 months
1.21 but over six weeks old.

1.22 (d) For a group family day care program with a licensed capacity of 18 children, two
1.23 adults shall serve no more than 18 children under 11 years old. Of those 18, no more than

- 2.1 16 may be under five years old. Of those 16, no more than four may be under 12 months
2.2 but over six weeks old. For licenses issued under this paragraph, a helper may take the place
2.3 of a second adult caregiver when there is no more than one child under 12 months but over
2.4 six weeks old present.