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H. F. No. **3530**

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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 child care regulations; amending staffing and group size requirements
- 1.3 for certified, license-exempt child care centers; amending Minnesota Statutes 2020,
- 1.4 section 245H.08, 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 245H.08, is amended by adding a subdivision
- 1.7 to read:
- 1.8 Subd. 6. **Authority to modify requirements.** Notwithstanding subdivisions 4 and 5,
- 1.9 for children in kindergarten through 13 years old, the commissioner may increase the
- 1.10 maximum group size to no more than 40 children and may increase the minimally acceptable
- 1.11 staff-to-child ratio to 1:20 during a national security or peacetime emergency declared under
- 1.12 section 12.31, or during a public health emergency declared due to a pandemic by the United
- 1.13 States Secretary of Health and Human Services under section 319 of the Public Health
- 1.14 Service Act, United States Code, title 42, section 247d.