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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to requirements for family and group day care  
2 homes involving responsible individuals who assist a provider.  
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:  
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1 Section 1. Section 237A.3, subsection 1, paragraph c,  
2 unnumbered paragraph 1, Code 1997, is amended to read as  
3 follows:

4 A family day care home may provide care in accordance with  
5 this subsection for more than six but less than twelve  
6 children for two hours or more during a day with inclement  
7 weather following the cancellation of school classes. The  
8 home must have prior written approval from the parent or  
9 guardian of each child present in the home concerning the  
10 presence of excess children in the home pursuant to this  
11 paragraph. The home must have a responsible individual, age  
12 ~~fourteen~~ twelve or older, on duty to assist the home provider  
13 when more than six children are present in accordance with the  
14 provisions of this paragraph. In addition, one or more of the  
15 following conditions shall apply to each child present in the  
16 home in excess of six children:

17 Sec. 2. Section 237A.3, subsection 2, Code 1997, is  
18 amended to read as follows:

19 2. A person shall not operate or establish a group day  
20 care home unless the person obtains a certificate of  
21 registration under this chapter. In order to be registered,  
22 the group day care home shall have at least one responsible  
23 individual, age ~~fourteen~~ twelve or older, on duty to assist  
24 the group day care home provider when there are more than six  
25 children present for more than a two-hour period. All other  
26 requirements of this chapter for registered family day care  
27 homes and the rules adopted under this chapter for registered  
28 family day care homes apply to group day care homes. In  
29 addition, the department shall adopt rules relating to the  
30 provision in group day care homes for a separate area for sick  
31 children. In consultation with the state fire marshal, the  
32 department shall adopt rules relating to the provision of fire  
33 extinguishers, smoke detectors, and two exits accessible to  
34 children.

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EXPLANATION

1 This bill relates to requirements for group day care homes  
2 involving responsible individuals who assist a provider.

3 The bill amends Code section 237A.3 which provides  
4 registration requirements applicable to family and group day  
5 care homes. Under current law, a group day care home may  
6 provide care for up to 11 children at one time and a family  
7 day care home may provide care for up to six children at one  
8 time. However, both types of provider may provide care for  
9 additional children during certain periods of inclement  
10 weather. If more than six children are present, current law  
11 requires the provider to have a responsible person on duty to  
12 assist the provider. The bill reduces the minimum required  
13 age of the responsible person from age 14 to age 12.

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