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A BILL FOR

1 An Act providing for the number of children receiving care under  
 2 the child care home pilot projects and providing an effective  
 3 date.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 237A.3A, subsection 10, paragraphs c  
2 and d, Code Supplement 1997, are amended to read as follows:

3 c. In addition to the number of children authorized in  
4 paragraph "a", not more than ~~two~~ five children who attend  
5 school may be present for a period of less than two hours at  
6 any one time.

7 d. Not more than ~~eight~~ eleven children shall be present at  
8 any one time when an inclement weather exception is in effect.

9 Sec. 2. CHILD CARE HOME PILOT PROJECTS -- TRANSITION  
10 EXCEPTION. The exception provisions of this section are  
11 applicable to child care homes registering under section  
12 237A.3A during a transition period beginning with the  
13 effective date of this Act and ending two years from that  
14 date. During the transition period, notwithstanding section  
15 237A.3A, a child care home provider registered with the  
16 department of human services who is providing child day care  
17 to four infants at the time of registration in the pilot  
18 project at level I, II, or III may continue to provide care to  
19 those four infants. However, if the child care home no longer  
20 provides care to one or more of the infants or one or more of  
21 the infants reaches the age of twenty-four months, the  
22 transition period exception authorized in this section shall  
23 no longer apply. The overall limitation on the number of  
24 children authorized for the level of care remains applicable.

25 Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act, being deemed of  
26 immediate importance, takes effect upon enactment.

27 EXPLANATION

28 This bill revises the number of children who may receive  
29 care under the child care home pilot projects and provides an  
30 immediate effective date.

31 The bill amends Code section 237A.3A, which authorizes the  
32 child care home pilot projects in two counties of the state,  
33 to allow a provider registered at level I to care for  
34 additional school-age children for limited periods of time.  
35 Current law authorizes a level I provider to provide care to

1 not more than two school-age children for periods of up to two  
2 hours. The bill increases this number to five school-age  
3 children. The bill also increases the number of children who  
4 may be cared for during an inclement weather exception from  
5 eight to 11 children to match the school-age increase.

6 In addition, the bill establishes a two-year transition  
7 period exception for registered child day care providers who  
8 register with the pilot projects at level I, II, or III.

9 Current law restricts the number of infants at these levels to  
10 not more than three. Under the exception, the provider may  
11 continue to provide care for up to four infants who were  
12 receiving care at the time of registration with the pilot  
13 project. The exception continues until one of the four  
14 infants no longer receives care from the provider or reaches  
15 the age of 24 months. The overall number of children  
16 authorized for the level of care stays the same. The  
17 exception period begins on the bill's effective date and  
18 continues for two years.

19 The bill takes effect upon enactment.

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