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A BILL FOR

1 An Act establishing an exception to the number of children
2 allowed to be present for child care at any one time in a
3 child development home under certain conditions.
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 237A.3A, subsection 3, Code 2020, is
2 amended by adding the following new paragraph:

3 NEW PARAGRAPH. *f.* The department shall adopt rules to
4 allow registered child development homes providing care to
5 school-aged children to exceed the child-to-staff ratio for
6 school-aged children when a school-aged child's school starts
7 late, is dismissed early, or is canceled due to inclement
8 weather or structural damage regardless of whether the
9 child development home provider is able to be assisted by a
10 department-approved assistant or co-provider, provided the
11 child is currently enrolled at the registered child development
12 home and the registered child development home does not exceed
13 the child development home's registration capacity.

14 EXPLANATION

15 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
16 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

17 This bill establishes an exception to the number of children
18 allowed to be present for child care at any one time in a child
19 development home under certain conditions.

20 The bill directs the department of human services to adopt
21 rules allowing registered child development homes providing
22 care to school-aged children to exceed the child-to-staff ratio
23 when a school-aged child's school starts late, is dismissed
24 early, or is canceled due to inclement weather or structural
25 damage. The child must already be enrolled at the child
26 development home, and the number of children present cannot
27 exceed the child development home's registration capacity.