

**House Study Bill 8 - Introduced**

HOUSE FILE \_\_\_\_\_  
BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE ON HEALTH  
AND HUMAN SERVICES BILL BY  
CHAIRPERSON NORDMAN)

**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to child care center staff requirements for  
2 providing flex care to children up to five years of age.  
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES — FLEX  
2 CARE.

3 1. The department of health and human services is directed to  
4 amend its administrative rules pursuant to chapter 17A to provide  
5 that employees of a child care center who are sixteen years of  
6 age or older may, without additional supervision, provide flex  
7 care to children up to five years of age.

8 2. For purposes of this section:

9 a. "Child care" means the same as defined in section 237A.1.

10 b. "Child care center" means the same as defined in section  
11 237A.1.

12 c. "Flex care" means child care provided during designated  
13 nap hours and during brief periods when a child care center  
14 employee who is eighteen years of age or older is not present to  
15 provide supervision.

16 EXPLANATION

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

19 This bill requires the department of health and human services  
20 to amend its administrative rules to provide that employees of a  
21 child care center who are 16 years of age or older may, without  
22 additional supervision, provide flex care to children up to five  
23 years of age.

24 "Child care" means the care, supervision, and guidance of a  
25 child by a person other than the child's parent, guardian, or  
26 custodian for periods of less than 24 hours per day per child on  
27 a regular basis, with certain exceptions. "Child care center"  
28 means a facility providing child care or preschool services for  
29 seven or more children, except when the facility is registered as  
30 a child development home. "Flex care" means child care provided  
31 during designated nap hours and during brief periods when a child  
32 care center employee who is 18 years of age or older is not  
33 present to provide supervision.