

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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SENATE BILL 256*

Short Title: Infant/Toddler Day Care Ratio.

(Public)

Sponsors: Senators Plexico, Forrester, Richardson, Walker; Edwards, Gulley, Lee, Cooper, Tally, Conder, Martin of Guilford, Ballance, Marshall, Daniel, and Ward.

Referred to: Appropriations.

February 19, 1993

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO LOWER THE STAFF/CHILD RATIOS AND GROUP SIZE FOR
3 INFANTS AND TODDLERS IN CHILD CARE.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 Section 1. Effective January 1, 1994, G.S. 110-91(7) reads as rewritten:

6 "(7) Staff-Child Ratio. – In determining the staff-child ratio, all children
7 younger than 13 years shall be counted. The Commission shall adopt
8 rules regarding staff-child ratios, group sizes and multi-age groupings
9 for each category of facility other than for infants and toddlers,
10 provided that such rules and regulations shall be no less stringent than
11 those currently required for staff-child ratios as enacted in Section
12 156(e) of Chapter 757 of the 1985 Session Laws. The staff-child ratios
13 and group sizes for infants and toddlers are as follows:

<u>Child Age</u>	<u>Ratio</u>	<u>Group Size</u>
<u>0-12 mo.</u>	<u>510</u>	
<u>12-24 mo.</u>	<u>612</u>	
<u>2-3 yrs.</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>20."</u>

18 Sec. 2. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Day Care Section,
19 Division of Facility Services, Department of Human Resources, the sum of six hundred
20 thirty-four thousand seven hundred forty dollars (\$634,740) for the 1993-94 fiscal year
21 and the sum of six hundred forty thousand one hundred dollars (\$640,100) for the 1994-
22 95 fiscal year to implement this act.

23 Sec. 3. This act becomes effective January 1, 1994.