

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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HOUSE BILL 349\*

Short Title: Infant/Toddler Day Care Change/Funds.

(Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Easterling, H. Hunter, Jeffus, Rogers; Alexander, Barnhill, Colton, Cummings, Cunningham, Fitch, Gottovi, Holt, Jarrell, Kuczmariski, Lemmond, Luebke, McAllister, McLawhorn, B. Miller, Smith, Stamey, R. Thompson, and Warner.

Referred to: Children, Youth and Families.

February 25, 1993

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO LOWER THE STAFF/CHILD RATIOS AND GROUP SIZE FOR INFANTS AND TODDLERS IN CHILD CARE.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

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

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

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

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