

HOUSE BILL 2689

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49  
and Title 71, relative to child care.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 71-3-503(a)(6)(A), is amended by deleting the language:

with no child attending more than two (2) days in each calendar week for not more than six (6) hours each day

and substituting instead the following:

with no child attending more than twelve (12) hours in each calendar week

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 71, Chapter 3, Part 5, is amended by adding the following as new sections:

**71-3-519.**

The department shall create a fund, with a beginning balance of no less than ten million dollars (\$10,000,000), to provide unlicensed care providers in counties with populations of less than fifty thousand (50,000), according to the 2010 federal census or any subsequent federal census, with financial assistance to make facility upgrades needed for licensure.

**71-3-520.**

(a) Notwithstanding this part, a care provider may provide child care for five (5) or more children, but no more than ten (10) children, without being licensed under this part if the care provider receives a signed waiver form from a parent of each child stating that the parent is aware the care provider is not licensed under this part. The

department shall create the waiver form to be used pursuant to this subsection (a) and make the form available for free on the department's website.

(b) Prior to a care provider providing child care to a number of children under subsection (a) that would normally require licensure, the care provider must certify that each staff member has completed at least ten (10) hours of childcare training on topics chosen by the department in rule. The training may be completed online.

(c) The care provider providing child care pursuant to subsection (a) shall meet the adult:child ratios required of licensed child care agencies.

(d) This section only applies to care providers providing child care in counties with populations of less than fifty thousand (50,000), according to the 2010 federal census or any subsequent federal census.

SECTION 3. For the purpose of promulgating rules, this act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it. For all other purposes, this act shall take effect July 1, 2020, the public welfare requiring it.