Overview

This bill makes permanent the temporary expansion of legal unlicenced day care that was first enacted in 1997 and would otherwise sunset on June 30th of this year.

1 Exemption from licensure. Allows day care providers to take care of unrelated children without having to obtain a license if:
   - the children are from no more than three other families;
   - there are no more than four unrelated children;
   - no more than two children are under two years old; and
   - no more than five children are being cared for at any given time.

These exemptions were first enacted in the 1997 session and were scheduled to sunset a year later. Last year, the exemptions were extended for another year and are now set to expire June 30th of this year.

(Under current law, exemptions also exist for day care provided to related children and for day care provided to unrelated children from a single family. This bill makes no changes to these provisions.)

2 Exception. Makes technical changes to the provision that the exemption in section 1 does not apply to people who have otherwise been denied or disqualified for a license, or have been sanctioned for license violations, if the determination has not been reversed on appeal or set-aside by the commissioner.

3 Right to seek licensure. Makes technical changes to the provision that clarifies that day care providers who are not required to be licensed may still obtain one.