

HB 1614 -- Child Care Facilities

Sponsor: Storch

This bill establishes Nathan's Law which changes the laws regarding child care facilities. In its main provisions, the bill:

- (1) Specifies that children related by blood, marriage, or adoption will be counted in the total number of children being cared for except that children living in the home who attend a full day of school will not be included in the total. Currently, these children are not considered in the total number;
- (2) Requires any child care facility which is exempt from licensure to disclose its exempt status to the parents or guardians of children in its care;
- (3) Establishes a fine of \$200 per day, not to exceed \$10,000, for any person violating the provisions regarding licensure of child care facilities for a second or subsequent time; and
- (4) Authorizes the Department of Health and Senior Services to immediately close any illegally operating unlicensed child care facility. A local prosecutor may file suit for a permanent order preventing the operation of the facility which will remain in effect until the court determines the child care facility is in compliance with all licensing requirements.