

HB 2203 -- CHILD CARE

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This bill provides new definitions of "child care", "child care facility", and "child care provider". Specifically, this act defines "child care" for the purpose of child care facility licensure as the care of a child away from his or her own home for any part of the 24-hour day for compensation or otherwise. "Child care" is a voluntary supplement to parental responsibility for the child's protection, development, and supervision. A "child-care facility" shall be a house or other place conducted or maintained by any person who advertises or holds himself or herself out as providing child care for more than six children or for more than three children under two years of age, for any part of the 24-hour day, for compensation or otherwise.

It also provides definitions for "Montessori school", "neighborhood youth development program", "nursery school", "person", "school system", and "summer camp" and clarifies other conditions and requirements related to defining what entities need to be licensed to provide child care.