



Bill 143 – *Child Care and Early Years Act*

- Replaces the DNA and amends the *Education Act, and ECE Act*.
- Goals of program quality, access and flexibility and health and safety
- If not passed gov't will use regulatory and policy leavers. Changes would be phased in.
- Drivers are flexibility to align child care with School Board operated programs; ECE shortage for after school programs and oversight of the unregulated sector.



Education Act changes:

- Boards required to secure after school care for children 6 to 12 years but only on school days
- 7 day requirement to secure replacement care if an operator folds is removed
- Student identifier numbers are established for children attending early years programs
- Recommend:
 - School Boards be the first choice to provide extended day programming
 - Boards be allowed to provide internal fee subsidies



ECE Act: Stipulates the composition of the ECE College Council to align with OCT Act



Administration & Licensing:

- Province must consult with a Region before new licenses given
- Duty to cooperate in the development of regional children's services plans

Recommend

- Regions be designated as 'children's *service* managers'
- Include 'Duty to cooperate' also be in the *Education Act*



The unregulated sector

- Requires license for private schools with extended hour programs; in-home nannies
- Prohibits providers/corporations with serious criminal convictions or record of professional misconduct from obtaining licenses
- Restricts misrepresentation of licensing
- Requires providers provide receipts



Health and Safety:

- Requires criminal reference checks for staff and unsupervised volunteers, members of provider households over 18
- Recommended CPR for CC staff & HCC providers
- Following updated Canada Food Guide



Home Child Care:

- CC providers may care for 6 (up from 5) children including their own < 6 yrs
- 2 providers may care for 12 children
- New home visitors require an ECE



Program changes

- Policy statement, applies to all ECE settings and ties ELECT/ELF principles to CC licensing
 - More descriptive about program of activities; replacing posted plans with parent interaction
 - More flexibility for rest and outdoor play



Ratio & group size options

Age	Ratio	Group size	Qualifications
0-1 yr	1:3	10	3/1 ECE
1- 2 yrs	1:5	15	3/1 ECE
2-4 yrs	1:8	16	2/1 ECE
		24	3/2 ECE
4 – 5	1:13	26	2/1 ECE



Licensed school aged ratios - Proposed

Age	Ratio	Group Size	Qualifications
6-8 yrs	1:15	30	2/1 qualified staff
9-12 yrs	1:20	20	1 qualified staff



Age	Ratio	Size	Qualifications
0-2 yr	1:4 (additional staff for 3 or more < 1 yr)	12	3/2 ECE
2 yrs – K	1:7	21	3/2 ECE
4-5 yr (FT – not attending K)	1:8 1:10	24 20	3/2 ECE 2/2 ECE
4-5 yr (attending K)	1:13	26	2/2 ECE
6-8 yr	1:15	30	2/2 qualified
9-12 yrs	1:20	20	1 qualified
School board operated 4-12 yrs		By activity	Staff at 1:13 with 2/3 qualified