

**A RESOLUTION**

**Proposed  
Resolution  
20-730**

**See Emergency  
D.C. Act 20-318  
20 DCStat 3301**

**Child  
Development  
Home License  
Emergency  
Declaration  
Resolution of  
2014**

*To declare the existence of an emergency with respect to the need to amend the definition of a child development home to permit more than 2 children under 2 years of age in a child development home with a ratio of one adult caregiver to 2 children under 2 years of age.*

**RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Child Development Home License Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2014".**

Sec. 2. (a) There exists an immediate need to amend section 2 of the Day Care Policy Act of 1979 to permit more than 2 children under 2 years of age in a child development home with a ratio of one adult caregiver to 2 children under 2 years of age.

(b) At a hearing held March 20, 2014, parents of young children and operators of child development homes all expressed that there is a shortage of spaces for childcare for children under 2 in licensed child development homes.

(c) Parents testified that they have a strong and immediate need for expansion of the limit on service to children under 2, so long as staffing is adequate to serve a greater number of young children safely.

(d) Child development home operators indicated that due to the Pre-K expansion, they are having difficulty filling available spaces for children older than 2 years old, but they have waiting lists of parents seeking care for their under-2-year-old children. Further, they indicated that in many instances they have laid off paid caregivers because of the inability to fill the spaces for children 2 years old and up.

Sec. 3. The Council of the District of Columbia determines that the circumstances enumerated in section 2 constitute emergency circumstances making it necessary that the Child Development Home License Emergency Amendment Act of 2014 be adopted after a single reading.

Sec. 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.