

**SUBSTITUTE FOR  
HOUSE BILL NO. 5975**

A bill to amend 1973 PA 116, entitled

"An act to provide for the protection of children through the licensing and regulation of child care organizations; to provide for the establishment of standards of care for child care organizations; to prescribe powers and duties of certain departments of this state and adoption facilitators; to provide penalties; and to repeal acts and parts of acts,"

by amending section 1 (MCL 722.111), as amended by 2020 PA 6, and by adding section 4b.

**THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:**

- 1           Sec. 1. As used in this act:
- 2           (a) "Child care staff member" means an individual who is 18
- 3 years of age or older to whom 1 or more of the following applies:
- 4           (i) The individual is employed by a child care center, group



1 child care home, or family child care home for compensation,  
2 including a contract employee or a self-employed individual.

3 (ii) An individual whose activities involve the unsupervised  
4 care or supervision of children for a child care center, group  
5 child care home, or family child care home.

6 (iii) An individual who has unsupervised access to children who  
7 are cared for or supervised by a child care center, group child  
8 care home, or family child care home.

9 (iv) An individual who acts in the role of a licensee designee  
10 or program director.

11 (b) "Child care organization" means a governmental or  
12 nongovernmental organization having as its principal function  
13 receiving minor children for care, maintenance, training, and  
14 supervision, notwithstanding that educational instruction may be  
15 given. Child care organization includes organizations commonly  
16 described as child caring institutions, child placing agencies,  
17 children's camps, children's campsites, children's therapeutic  
18 group homes, child care centers, day care centers, nursery schools,  
19 parent cooperative preschools, foster homes, group homes, or child  
20 care homes. Child care organization does not include a governmental  
21 or nongovernmental organization that does either of the following:

22 (i) Provides care exclusively to minors who have been  
23 emancipated by court order under section 4(3) of 1968 PA 293, MCL  
24 722.4.

25 (ii) Provides care exclusively to persons who are 18 years of  
26 age or older and to minors who have been emancipated by court order  
27 under section 4(3) of 1968 PA 293, MCL 722.4, at the same location.

28 (c) "Child caring institution" means a child care facility  
29 that is organized for the purpose of receiving minor children for



1 care, maintenance, and supervision, usually on a 24-hour basis, in  
2 buildings maintained by the child caring institution for that  
3 purpose, and operates throughout the year. An educational program  
4 may be provided, but the educational program shall not be the  
5 primary purpose of the facility. Child caring institution includes  
6 a maternity home for the care of unmarried mothers who are minors  
7 and an agency group home, that is described as a small child caring  
8 institution, owned, leased, or rented by a licensed agency  
9 providing care for more than 4 but less than 13 minor children.  
10 Child caring institution also includes an institution for  
11 developmentally disabled or emotionally disturbed minor children.  
12 Child caring institution does not include a hospital, nursing home,  
13 or home for the aged licensed under article 17 of the public health  
14 code, 1978 PA 368, MCL 333.20101 to 333.22260, a boarding school  
15 licensed under section 1335 of the revised school code, 1976 PA  
16 451, MCL 380.1335, a hospital or facility operated by the state or  
17 licensed under the mental health code, 1974 PA 258, MCL 330.1001 to  
18 330.2106, or an adult foster care family home or an adult foster  
19 care small group home licensed under the adult foster care facility  
20 licensing act, 1979 PA 218, MCL 400.701 to 400.737, in which a  
21 child has been placed under section 5(6).

22 (d) "Child caring institution staff member" means an  
23 individual who is 18 years of age or older to whom 1 or more of the  
24 following applies:

25 (i) The individual is employed by a child caring institution  
26 for compensation, including an adult who does not work directly  
27 with children.

28 (ii) The individual is a contract employee or self-employed  
29 individual with a child caring institution.



1 (iii) The individual is an intern or other individual who  
2 provides specific services under the rules promulgated under this  
3 act.

4 (e) "Child placing agency" means a governmental organization  
5 or an agency organized under the nonprofit corporation act, 1982 PA  
6 162, MCL 450.2101 to 450.3192, for the purpose of receiving  
7 children for placement in private family homes for foster care or  
8 for adoption. The function of a child placing agency may include  
9 investigating applicants for adoption and investigating and  
10 certifying foster family homes and foster family group homes as  
11 provided in this act. The function of a child placing agency may  
12 also include supervising children who are at least 16 but less than  
13 21 years of age and who are living in unlicensed residences as  
14 provided in section 5(4).

15 (f) "Children's camp" means a residential, day, troop, or  
16 travel camp that provides care and supervision and is conducted in  
17 a natural environment for more than 4 children, apart from the  
18 children's parents, relatives, or legal guardians, for 5 or more  
19 days in a 14-day period.

20 (g) "Children's campsite" means the outdoor setting where a  
21 children's residential or day camp is located.

22 (h) "Children's therapeutic group home" means a child caring  
23 institution receiving not more than 6 minor children who are  
24 diagnosed with a developmental disability as defined in section  
25 100a of the mental health code, 1974 PA 258, MCL 330.1100a, or a  
26 serious emotional disturbance as defined in section 100d of the  
27 mental health code, 1974 PA 258, MCL 330.1100d, and that meets all  
28 of the following requirements:

29 (i) Provides care, maintenance, and supervision, usually on a



1 24-hour basis.

2 (ii) Complies with the rules for child caring institutions,  
3 except that behavior management rooms, personal restraint,  
4 mechanical restraint, or seclusion, which is allowed in certain  
5 circumstances under licensing rules, are prohibited in a children's  
6 therapeutic group home.

7 (iii) Is not a private home.

8 (iv) Is not located on a campus with other licensed facilities.

9 (i) "Child care center" means a facility, other than a private  
10 residence, receiving 1 or more children under 13 years of age for  
11 care for periods of less than 24 hours a day, where the parents or  
12 guardians are not immediately available to the child. Child care  
13 center includes a facility that provides care for not less than 2  
14 consecutive weeks, regardless of the number of hours of care per  
15 day. The facility is generally described as a child care center,  
16 day care center, day nursery, nursery school, parent cooperative  
17 preschool, play group, before- or after-school program, or drop-in  
18 center. Child care center does not include any of the following:

19 (i) A Sunday school, a vacation bible school, or a religious  
20 instructional class that is conducted by a religious organization  
21 where children are attending for not more than 3 hours per day for  
22 an indefinite period or for not more than 8 hours per day for a  
23 period not to exceed 4 weeks during a 12-month period.

24 (ii) A facility operated by a religious organization where  
25 children are in the religious organization's care for not more than  
26 3 hours while persons responsible for the children are attending  
27 religious services.

28 (iii) A program that is primarily supervised, school-age-child-  
29 focused training in a specific subject, including, but not limited



1 to, dancing, drama, music, or religion. This exclusion applies only  
2 to the time a child is involved in supervised, school-age-child-  
3 focused training.

4 (iv) A program that is primarily an incident of group athletic  
5 or social activities for school-age children sponsored by or under  
6 the supervision of an organized club or hobby group, including, but  
7 not limited to, youth clubs, scouting, and school-age recreational  
8 or supplementary education programs. This exclusion applies only to  
9 the time the school-age child is engaged in the group athletic or  
10 social activities and if the school-age child can come and go at  
11 will.

12 (v) A program that primarily provides therapeutic services to  
13 a child.

14 (j) "Conviction" means a final conviction, the payment of a  
15 fine, a plea of guilty or nolo contendere if accepted by the court,  
16 a finding of guilt for a criminal law violation or a juvenile  
17 adjudication or disposition by the juvenile division of probate  
18 court or family division of circuit court for a violation that if  
19 committed by an adult would be a crime, or a conviction in a tribal  
20 court or a military court.

21 (k) "Criminal history check" means a fingerprint-based  
22 criminal history record information background check through the  
23 department of state police and the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

24 (l) "Criminal history record information" means that term as  
25 defined in section 1a of 1925 PA 289, MCL 28.241a.

26 (m) "Department" means the department of health and human  
27 services and the department of licensing and regulatory affairs or  
28 a successor agency or department responsible for licensure under  
29 this act. The department of licensing and regulatory affairs is



1 responsible for licensing and regulatory matters for child care  
2 centers, group child care homes, family child care homes,  
3 children's camps, and children's campsites. The department of  
4 health and human services is responsible for licensing and  
5 regulatory matters for child caring institutions, child placing  
6 agencies, children's therapeutic group homes, foster family homes,  
7 and foster family group homes.

8 (n) "Eligible" means that the individual obtained the checks  
9 and clearances described in sections 5n and 5q and is considered  
10 appropriate to obtain a license, to be a member of the household of  
11 a group child care home or family child care home, or to be a child  
12 care staff member.

13 (o) "Ineligible" means that the individual obtained the checks  
14 and clearances as described in sections 5n and 5q and is not  
15 considered appropriate to obtain a license, to be a member of the  
16 household of a group child care home or family child care home, or  
17 to be a child care staff member due to violation of section 5n, 5q,  
18 or 5r.

19 (p) "Private home" means a private residence in which the  
20 licensee permanently resides, which residency is not contingent  
21 upon caring for children or employment by a child placing agency.  
22 Private home includes a full-time foster family home, a full-time  
23 foster family group home, a group child care home, or a family  
24 child care home, as follows:

25 (i) "Foster family home" means the private home of an  
26 individual who is licensed to provide 24-hour care for 1 but not  
27 more than 4 minor children who are placed away from their parent,  
28 legal guardian, or legal custodian in foster care. The licensed  
29 individual providing care is required to comply with the reasonable



1 and prudent parenting standard as defined in section 1 of chapter  
2 XIIIA of the probate code of 1939, 1939 PA 288, MCL 712A.1.

3 (ii) "Foster family group home" means the private home of an  
4 individual who has been licensed by the department to provide 24-  
5 hour care for more than 4 but fewer than 7 minor children who are  
6 placed away from their parent, legal guardian, or legal custodian  
7 in foster care. The licensed individual providing care is required  
8 to comply with the reasonable and prudent parenting standard as  
9 defined in section 1 of chapter XIIIA of the probate code of 1939,  
10 1939 PA 288, MCL 712A.1.

11 (iii) "Family child care home", **except as provided in section**  
12 **4b**, means a private home in which 1 but fewer than 7 minor children  
13 are received for care and supervision for compensation for periods  
14 of less than 24 hours a day, unattended by a parent or legal  
15 guardian, except children related to an adult member of the  
16 household by blood, marriage, or adoption. Family child care home  
17 includes a home in which care is given to an unrelated minor child  
18 for more than 4 weeks during a calendar year. A family child care  
19 home does not include an individual providing babysitting services  
20 for another individual. As used in this subparagraph, "providing  
21 babysitting services" means caring for a child on behalf of the  
22 child's parent or guardian if the annual compensation for providing  
23 those services does not equal or exceed \$600.00 or an amount that  
24 would according to the internal revenue code of 1986 obligate the  
25 child's parent or guardian to provide a form 1099-MISC to the  
26 individual for compensation paid during the calendar year for those  
27 services.

28 (iv) "Group child care home", **except as provided in section 4b**,  
29 means a private home in which more than 6 but not more than 12



1 minor children are given care and supervision for periods of less  
2 than 24 hours a day unattended by a parent or legal guardian,  
3 except children related to an adult member of the household by  
4 blood, marriage, or adoption. Group child care home includes a home  
5 in which care is given to an unrelated minor child for more than 4  
6 weeks during a calendar year.

7 (q) "Legal custodian" means an individual who is at least 18  
8 years of age in whose care a minor child remains or is placed after  
9 a court makes a finding under section 13a(5) of chapter XIIIA of the  
10 probate code of 1939, 1939 PA 288, MCL 712A.13a.

11 (r) "Licensee" means a person, partnership, firm, corporation,  
12 association, nongovernmental organization, or local or state  
13 government organization that has been issued a license under this  
14 act to operate a child care organization.

15 (s) "Listed offense" means that term as defined in section 2  
16 of the sex offenders registration act, 1994 PA 295, MCL 28.722.

17 (t) "Member of the household" means any individual who resides  
18 in a family child care home, group child care home, foster family  
19 home, or foster family group home on an ongoing basis, or who has a  
20 recurrent presence in the home, including, but not limited to,  
21 overnight stays. For foster family homes and foster family group  
22 homes, a member of the household does not include a foster child.  
23 For group child care homes and family child care homes, a member of  
24 the household does not include a child to whom child care is being  
25 provided.

26 (u) "Original license" means a license issued to a child care  
27 organization during the first 6 months of operation indicating that  
28 the organization is in compliance with all rules promulgated by the  
29 department under this act.



1 (v) "Provisional license" means a license issued to a child  
 2 care organization that is temporarily unable to conform to the  
 3 rules promulgated under this act.

4 (w) "Qualified residential treatment program" or "QRTP" means  
 5 a program within a child caring institution to which all of the  
 6 following apply:

7 (i) The program has a trauma-informed treatment model,  
 8 evidenced by the inclusion of trauma awareness, knowledge, and  
 9 skills into the program's culture, practices, and policies.

10 (ii) The program has registered or licensed nursing and other  
 11 licensed clinical staff on-site or available 24 hours a day, 7 days  
 12 a week, who provide care in the scope of their practice as provided  
 13 in parts 170, 172, 181, 182, 182A, and 185 of the public health  
 14 code, 1978 PA 368, MCL 333.17001 to 333.17097, 333.17201 to  
 15 333.17242, 333.18101 to 333.18117, 333.18201 to 333.18237,  
 16 333.18251 to 333.18267, and 333.18501 to 333.18518.

17 (iii) The program integrates families into treatment, including  
 18 maintaining sibling connections.

19 (iv) The program provides aftercare services for at least 6  
 20 months post discharge.

21 (v) The program is accredited by an independent not-for-profit  
 22 organization as described in 42 USC 672(k)(4)(G).

23 (vi) The program does not include a detention facility,  
 24 forestry camp, training school, or other facility operated  
 25 primarily for detaining minor children who are determined to be  
 26 delinquent.

27 (x) "Regular license" means a license issued to a child care  
 28 organization indicating that the organization is in substantial  
 29 compliance with all rules promulgated under this act and, if there



1 is a deficiency, has entered into a corrective action plan.

2 (y) "Guardian" means the guardian of the person.

3 (z) "Minor child" means any of the following:

4 (i) A person less than 18 years of age.

5 (ii) A person who is a resident in a child caring institution,  
6 foster family home, or foster family group home, who is at least 18  
7 but less than 21 years of age, and who meets the requirements of  
8 the young adult voluntary foster care act, 2011 PA 225, MCL 400.641  
9 to 400.671.

10 (iii) A person who is a resident in a child caring institution,  
11 children's camp, foster family home, or foster family group home;  
12 who becomes 18 years of age while residing in a child caring  
13 institution, children's camp, foster family home, or foster family  
14 group home; and who continues residing in a child caring  
15 institution, children's camp, foster family home, or foster family  
16 group home to receive care, maintenance, training, and supervision.  
17 A minor child under this subparagraph does not include a person 18  
18 years of age or older who is placed in a child caring institution,  
19 foster family home, or foster family group home under an  
20 adjudication under section 2(a) of chapter XIIIA of the probate code  
21 of 1939, 1939 PA 288, MCL 712A.2, or under section 1 of chapter IX  
22 of the code of criminal procedure, 1927 PA 175, MCL 769.1. This  
23 subparagraph applies only if the number of those residents who  
24 become 18 years of age does not exceed the following:

25 (A) Two, if the total number of residents is 10 or fewer.

26 (B) Three, if the total number of residents is not less than  
27 11 and not more than 14.

28 (C) Four, if the total number of residents is not less than 15  
29 and not more than 20.



1 (D) Five, if the total number of residents is 21 or more.

2 (iv) A person 18 years of age or older who is placed in an  
3 unlicensed residence under section 5(4) or a foster family home  
4 under section 5(7).

5 (aa) "Related" means in the relationship by blood, marriage,  
6 or adoption, as parent, grandparent, great-grandparent, great-  
7 great-grandparent, aunt or uncle, great-aunt or great-uncle, great-  
8 great-aunt or great-great-uncle, sibling, stepsibling, nephew or  
9 niece, first cousin or first cousin once removed, and the spouse of  
10 any of the individuals described in this definition, even after the  
11 marriage has ended by death or divorce.

12 (bb) "Religious organization" means a church, ecclesiastical  
13 corporation, or group, not organized for pecuniary profit, that  
14 gathers for mutual support and edification in piety or worship of a  
15 supreme deity.

16 (cc) "School-age child" means a child who is eligible to  
17 attend a grade of kindergarten or higher, but is less than 13 years  
18 of age. A child is considered to be a school-age child on the first  
19 day of the school year in which he or she is eligible to attend  
20 school.

21 (dd) "Severe physical injury" means that term as defined in  
22 section 8 of the child protection law, 1975 PA 238, MCL 722.628.

23 (ee) "Licensee designee" means the individual designated in  
24 writing by the board of directors of the corporation or by the  
25 owner or person with legal authority to act on behalf of the  
26 company or organization on licensing matters. The individual must  
27 agree in writing to be designated as the licensee designee. All  
28 license applications must be signed by the licensee in the case of  
29 the individual or by a member of the corporation, company, or



1 organization.

2       Sec. 4b. (1) Beginning on the effective date of the amendatory  
3 act that added this section, except as otherwise provided in this  
4 section, the ratio of child care personnel to minor children  
5 present in the family child care home or group child care home at  
6 any 1 time must be not less than 1 child care personnel to 6 minor  
7 children. The ratio must include all minor children in care who are  
8 not related to a child care personnel and any of the following  
9 minor children who are less than 6 years of age:

10       (a) A minor child of the licensee.

11       (b) A minor child of a child care staff personnel.

12       (c) A minor child related to a member of the household by  
13 blood, marriage, or adoption.

14       (2) For each child care personnel, not more than 4 minor  
15 children shall be under the age of 30 months, with not more than 2  
16 of the 4 minor children under the age of 18 months.

17       (3) Beginning on the effective date of the amendatory act that  
18 added this section, with the written approval from the department,  
19 an operator of a family child care home who has at least 3 years of  
20 experience and has a regular license with no pending disciplinary  
21 action, including, but not limited to, a provisional license,  
22 refusal to renew, or revocation or increased monitoring due to rule  
23 or law violation, may submit a written request to the department to  
24 maintain a ratio of not less than 1 child care personnel to 7  
25 children. Upon approval from the department, a family child care  
26 home may care for 1 additional unrelated, minor child. The existing  
27 square footage requirement must be met to obtain departmental  
28 approval.

29       (4) Beginning on the effective date of the amendatory act that



1 added this section, with the written approval of the department, an  
2 operator of a group child care home who has at least 3 years of  
3 experience and has a regular license with no pending disciplinary  
4 action, including, but not limited to, a provisional license,  
5 refusal to renew, or revocation or increased monitoring due to rule  
6 or law violation, may submit a written request to the department to  
7 maintain a ratio of not less than 1 child care personnel to 7  
8 children. Upon approval from the department, a group child care  
9 home may care for 2 additional unrelated, minor children. The  
10 existing square footage requirement must be met to obtain  
11 departmental approval.

12 (5) The department shall rescind the written approval of 1  
13 additional unrelated minor child for the operator of a family child  
14 care home if a recommendation is made for disciplinary action, as  
15 described in subsection (3), including, but not limited to,  
16 increased monitoring of that license due to substantial or willful  
17 violation of a rule or law.

18 (6) The department shall rescind the written approval of 2  
19 additional unrelated minor children for the operator of a group  
20 child care home if a recommendation is made for disciplinary  
21 action, as described in subsection (4), including, but not limited  
22 to, increased monitoring of that license due to substantial or  
23 willful violation of a rule or law.

24 (7) As used in this section, "child care personnel" means an  
25 individual who is 14 years of age or older to whom 1 or more of the  
26 following apply:

27 (a) The individual is employed by a group child care home or  
28 family child care home for compensation, including a contract  
29 employee or a self-employed individual.



1           (b) An individual whose activities involve the unsupervised  
2 care or supervision of children for a group child care home or  
3 family child care home.

4           (c) An individual who has unsupervised access to children who  
5 are cared for or supervised by a group child care home or family  
6 child care home.

7           (d) An individual who acts in the role of a licensee designee.

