



This Bill Analysis reflects the contents of the bill as it was presented in committee.

SENATE BILL 368: Recognize Dept of Defense ChildCare Standards

2015-2016 General Assembly

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SUMMARY: *The Proposed Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 368 authorizes US Department of Defense-certified child care facilities to participate in the State-subsidized child care program.*

BILL ANALYSIS:

The PCS for Senate Bill 368 allows Department of Defense (DOD)-certified child care facilities to participate in the State-subsidized child care program. The bill defines DOD-certified child care facilities as child development centers, family child care homes, and school aged child care facilities operated aboard a military installation under the authorization and certified by the United States Department of Defense.

Section 1 of the PCS adds a new section, G.S. 110-106.2, to Article 7 of Chapter 110, which provides the following procedures regarding DOD-certified child care facilities:

1. Each must file with the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) a notice of intent to operate a child care facility in a form determined by the Department of Defense.
2. As part of its notice, each facility must file a report to DHHS indicating that it meets the minimum standards for child care facilities as provided by the Department of Defense.
3. Facilities that meet all the requirements of this section are exempt from all other requirements of Chapter 110, Article 7. Child Care Facilities, and are not be subject to licensure.
4. DOD-certified child care facilities are reimbursed under the NC Subsidized Child Care Program, as follows:
 - (a) Department of Defense certified child care facilities that are accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) must be reimbursed at the five-star rated license rate.
 - (b) All other Department of Defense certified child care facilities shall be reimbursed at the four-star rated license rate.

Section 2 amends G.S. 143B-168.15(g) which provides guidelines for child care subsidies. The new language specifies that funds allocated under the section must supplement and not supplant any federal or State funds allocated to Department of Defense-certified child care facilities licensed under G.S. 110-106.2.

Section 3 allows DOD-certified child care facilities licensed under G.S. 110-106.2 to participate in the State-subsidized child care program that provides for the purchase of care in child care facilities for minor children in needy families, provided the funds allocated from the State-subsidized program to DOD-certified facilities. The Current Operations Appropriations Act for the 2015-16 fiscal year will

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determine payment rates and fees for military families who choose DOD-certified child care facilities and are eligible for subsidized care.

EFFECTIVE DATE: The act would become effective January 1, 2016.