

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2nd Session of the 60th Legislature (2026)

HOUSE BILL 2949

By: Tedford

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to child care facilities; providing legislative finding; directing that licensed child care facilities maintain certain staff-to-child ratios; directing the Department of Human Services to promulgate rules; providing for codification; and providing an effective date.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 405.6 of Title 10, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. The Oklahoma Legislature finds that maintaining safe, developmentally appropriate child-to-staff ratios is essential for protecting the welfare of children in licensed child care centers while promoting accessibility and affordability for Oklahoma families.

B. Licensed child care centers shall maintain the following minimum staff-to-child ratios:

1 1. For children from birth through eleven (11) months of age,
2 there shall be one (1) staff member for every five (5) children;

3 2. For children from twelve (12) months of age through twenty-
4 three (23) months of age, there shall be one (1) staff member for
5 every six (6) children; and

6 3. For children from twenty-four (24) months of age through
7 forty-seven (47) months of age, there shall be one (1) staff member
8 for every seven (7) children.

9 C. The Department shall promulgate any rules necessary to bring
10 the Oklahoma Administrative Code into conformity with this act.

11 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2026.

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