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Research Analysis

The second proposed subcommittee substitute for HB 2949 provides that licensed child care providers must maintain certain minimum staff-to-child ratios when the group consists solely of children within a single-age category. Licensed child care providers are allowed to use mixed-age groupings as an alternative to standard ratios. These minimum ratios are also outlined in the measure. In any mixed-age group, no more than 50% of the total group size may consist of children in the youngest age category present and the applicable ratio will be determined by the youngest age category present.

Licensed child care providers must provide not less than 30 square feet of usable indoor space per child, based on the maximum number of children present at any given time. The Department of Human Services must make rules as necessary to implement this measure. Any rule will be subject to review and approval by the Oklahoma Child Care Advisory Committee Programs Subcommittee.

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Fiscal Analysis

HB 2949 outlines the minimum staff-to-child ratios for licensed child care centers. As shown below, the measure relaxes these ratios for both single-age and mixed-age groups. Therefore, the proposed changes are not expected to increase state expenditures for child care subsidies and will have no direct fiscal impact on the FY27 state budget.

Single-age group:

Age	Current Ratio	Proposed Ratio
0–11 months	**1:4**	**1:5**
12–23 months	**1:6**	**1:8**
24–35 months	**1:8**	**1:11**
36– 47 months	**1:12**	**1:15**
48–59 months	**1:15**	**1:18**
60-71 months	**1:20**	**1:25**
6 years+	**1:20**	**1:28**

Mixed-age group:

Age	Current Ratio	Proposed Ratio
infants	**1:6**	**1:8**

1 years of age	**1:8**	**1:12**
2 years of age	**1:12**	**1:16**
3 years of age	**1:15**	**1:20**
4 years of age	**1:18**	**1:24**
5 years of age	**1:20**	**1:30**
6 years of age	**1:20**	**1:35**

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Other Considerations

None.