AN ACT relating to: an exception to child care center licensing requirements for care and supervision provided while a parent participates in a coworking space on the premises.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, no person may for compensation provide care and supervision for four or more children under the age of seven for less than 24 hours a day unless that person obtains a license to operate a child care center from the Department of Children and Families. To be licensed, current law requires a person to meet the minimum requirements established by DCF. However, rules promulgated by DCF specify that these requirements do not apply to care and supervision provided for no more than three hours a day while a child's parent is employed on the premise. This bill expands this exception to cover if the child's parent is participating in a coworking space on the premises. Under the bill, a coworking space is an arrangement under which participants share office space and common infrastructure within a facility but not a common employer. The bill also provides that, under the exception, one day per week a child may receive care and supervision for no more than 5 hours as long as the total number of hours of care and supervision received in one week does not exceed 15.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:
SECTION 1. DCF 250.02 (1) (f) of the administrative code is amended to read:

DCF 250.02 (1) (f) Care and supervision while the parent is either employed on the premises or participating in a coworking space on the premises if the parent's child receives care and supervision for no more than 3 hours a day, except that one day per week the child may receive care and supervision for no more than 5 hours as long as the total number of hours of care and supervision received in one week does not exceed 15.

SECTION 2. DCF 250.03 (4g) of the administrative code is created to read:

DCF 250.03 (4g) “Coworking space” means an arrangement under which participants share office space and common infrastructure within a facility but not a common employer.

SECTION 3. DCF 251.02 (1) (g) of the administrative code is amended to read:

DCF 251.02 (1) (g) Care and supervision while the child's parent is either employed on the premises or participating in a coworking space on the premises if the child receives care and supervision for no more than 3 hours a day, except that one day per week the child may receive care and supervision for no more than 5 hours as long as the total number of hours of care and supervision received in one week does not exceed 15.

SECTION 4. DCF 251.03 (8g) of the administrative code is created to read:

DCF 251.03 (8g) “Coworking space” means an arrangement under which participants share office space and common infrastructure within a facility but not a common employer.

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