



## Bill 143 . *Child Care and Early Years Act*

- “ Replaces the DNA and amends the *Education Act, and ECE Act*.
- “ Goals of program quality, access and flexibility and health and safety
- “ If not passed gov<sup>t</sup> will use regulatory and policy leavers. Changes would be phased in.
- “ Drivers are flexibility to align child care with School Board operated programs; ECE shortage for after school programs and oversight of the unregulated sector.



## *Education Act* changes:

- “ Boards required to secure after school care for children 6 to 12 years but only on school days
- “ 7 day requirement to secure replacement care if an operator folds is removed
- “ Student identifier numbers are established for children attending early years programs
- “ Recommend:
  - “ School Boards be the first choice to provide extended day programming
  - “ Boards be allowed to provide internal fee subsidies



ECE Act: Stipulates the composition of the ECE College Council to align with OCT Act



## Administration & Licensing:

"Province must consult with a Region before new licenses given

"Duty to cooperate in the development of regional children's services plans

## Recommend

"Regions be designated as ~~children's~~ *service* managers

"Include ~~Duty to cooperate~~ also be in the *Education Act*



## The unregulated sector

- “ Requires license for private schools with extended hour programs; in-home nannies
- “ Prohibits providers/corporations with serious criminal convictions or record of professional misconduct from obtaining licenses
- “ Restricts misrepresentation of licensing
- “ Requires providers provide receipts



## Health and Safety:

- “ Requires criminal reference checks for staff and unsupervised volunteers, members of provider households over 18
- “ Recommended CPR for CC staff & HCC providers
- “ Following updated Canada Food Guide



## Home Child Care:

- “ CC providers may care for 6 (up from 5) children including their own < 6 yrs



## Program changes

- “ Policy statement, applies to all ECE settings and ties ELECT/ELF principles to CC licensing
  - “ More descriptive about program of activities; replacing posted plans with parent interaction
  - “ More flexibility for rest and outdoor play





## Ratio & group size options

Age	Ratio	Group size	Qualifications
0-1 yr	1:3	10	3/1 ECE
1- 2 yrs	1:5	15	3/1 ECE
2-4 yrs	1:8	16	2/1 ECE
		24	3/2 ECE
4 . 5	1:13	26	2/1 ECE



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