



General Assembly

**Substitute Bill No. 6224**

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**AN ACT EXEMPTING CERTAIN NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS THAT OPERATE DROP-IN PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN FROM THE STATE'S CHILD DAY CARE LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 19a-77 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2011*):

3 (a) As used in sections 19a-77 to 19a-80, inclusive, and sections 19a-  
4 82 to 19a-87, inclusive, "child day care services" shall include:

5 (1) A "child day care center" which offers or provides a program of  
6 supplementary care to more than twelve related or unrelated children  
7 outside their own homes on a regular basis;

8 (2) A "group day care home" which offers or provides a program of  
9 supplementary care to not less than seven or more than twelve related  
10 or unrelated children on a regular basis, or (B) that meets the definition  
11 of a family day care home except that it operates in a facility other than  
12 a private family home;

13 (3) A "family day care home" which consists of a private family  
14 home caring for not more than six children, including the provider's  
15 own children not in school full time, where the children are cared for  
16 not less than three or more than twelve hours during a twenty-four-  
17 hour period and where care is given on a regularly recurring basis

18 except that care may be provided in excess of twelve hours but not  
19 more than seventy-two consecutive hours to accommodate a need for  
20 extended care or intermittent short-term overnight care. During the  
21 regular school year, a maximum of three additional children who are  
22 in school full time, including the provider's own children, shall be  
23 permitted, except that if the provider has more than three children  
24 who are in school full time, all of the provider's children shall be  
25 permitted;

26 (4) "Night care" means the care provided for one or more hours  
27 between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m.;

28 (5) "Year-round" program means a program open at least fifty  
29 weeks per year.

30 (b) For licensing requirement purposes, child day care services shall  
31 not include such services which are:

32 (1) (A) Administered by a public school system, or (B) administered  
33 by a municipal agency or department and located in a public school  
34 building;

35 (2) Administered by a private school which is in compliance with  
36 section 10-188 and is approved by the State Board of Education or is  
37 accredited by an accrediting agency recognized by the State Board of  
38 Education;

39 (3) Classes in music, dance, drama and art that are no longer than  
40 two hours in length; classes that teach a single skill that are no longer  
41 than two hours in length; library programs that are no longer than two  
42 hours in length; scouting; programs that offer exclusively sports  
43 activities; rehearsals; academic tutoring programs; or programs  
44 exclusively for children thirteen years of age or older;

45 (4) Informal arrangements among neighbors or relatives in their  
46 own homes, provided the relative is limited to any of the following  
47 degrees of kinship by blood or marriage to the child being cared for or

48 to the child's parent: Child, grandchild, sibling, niece, nephew, aunt,  
49 uncle or child of one's aunt or uncle;

50 (5) Drop-in supplementary child care operations for educational or  
51 recreational purposes and the child receives such care infrequently  
52 where the parents are on the premises;

53 (6) Drop-in supplementary child care operations in retail  
54 establishments where the parents are on the premises for retail  
55 shopping, in accordance with section 19a-77a, provided that the drop-  
56 in supplementary child-care operation does not charge a fee and does  
57 not refer to itself as a child day care center;

58 (7) Drop-in programs administered by (A) a nationally chartered  
59 boys' and girls' club, or (B) a nonprofit organization located in a  
60 municipality with a population of one hundred thirty thousand or  
61 more that provides recreational, athletic and educational activities for  
62 not less than four thousand children aged five to eighteen each year;

63 (8) Religious educational activities administered by a religious  
64 institution exclusively for children whose parents or legal guardians  
65 are members of such religious institution;

66 (9) Administered by Solar Youth, Inc., a New Haven-based  
67 nonprofit youth development and environmental education  
68 organization, provided Solar Youth, Inc. informs the parents and legal  
69 guardians of any children enrolled in its programs that such programs  
70 are not licensed by the Department of Public Health to provide child  
71 day care services; or

72 (10) Programs administered by organizations under contract with  
73 the Department of Social Services pursuant to section 17b-851a that  
74 promote the reduction of teenage pregnancy through the provision of  
75 services to persons who are ten to nineteen years of age, inclusive.

76 (c) No registrant or licensee of any child day care services as defined  
77 in subsection (a) of this section shall be issued an additional

