§ 131D-10.2C. Allowable number of children in family foster home.

(a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, no more than five children shall reside in any family foster home at any time. These five children include the foster parent's own children, children placed for family foster care, licensed capacity for in-home day care children, children kept for babysitting, or any other children residing in the home. Children kept for in-home day care and babysitting are considered residents of the home.

(b) A family foster home may have more than five children if one of the following exceptions applies:

(1) If written documentation is submitted to the licensing authority for family foster care that siblings will be placed together and the foster home complies with all other licensure requirements. The out-of-home family services agreement for each sibling shall specify that siblings will be placed together and shall also address the foster parents' skill, stamina, and ability to care for the children.

(2) A family foster home that would otherwise qualify for family foster home licensure or placement of one child or siblings in foster care, but does not qualify solely due to the presence five children in the home, shall be eligible for licensure as a family foster home or placement of a child or siblings in foster care. Written documentation must be submitted to the licensing authority that siblings will be placed together to allow more than five children to be placed in the foster home under this section. The out-of-home family services agreement for each sibling shall specify that siblings will be placed together. Any family foster home qualifying for placement of more than five children under this section shall meet all other licensure requirements. (2023-82, s. 1.)