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S 2052. DEPT OF DEFENSE/CERTIFIED CHILDCARE FACILITY. Filed 5/27/08.
AUTHORIZING UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE CERTIFIED CHILD CARE FACILITIES TO BE LICENSED BY THE NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES AND ALLOWING DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE CERTIFIED CHILD CARE FACILITIES TO PARTICIPATE IN THE STATE SUBSIDIZED CHILD CARE PROGRAM.

Enacts new GS 110-106.2 to authorize certified US Department of Defense (Defense) child care facilities to receive a NC child care license issued by the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS). Defines a *Department of Defense certified child care facility* to include child development centers, family child care homes, and school-aged child care facilities operated aboard a military installation. Sets forth procedures for the licensing of child care facilities, including requiring a notice of intent, a report indicating that the facility meets minimum standards for child care facilities, and assignment of ratings. Exempts the Defense certified child care facilities from regulation by DHHS, provisional licenses, and assessment of fees for licenses or renewals. Provides that a revocation of a Defense certification results in a termination of the NC child care license and requires report to DHHS within 10 days of revocation.

Allows Defense certified child care facilities to participate in the state subsidized child care program. Amends GS 143B-168.15(g) (related to the use of funds to expand child care subsidies by local partnerships) by providing that funds allocated to Defense certified child care facilities be supplemental and not supplant federal or state funds. Effective January 1, 2009.

Intro. by Brown. GS 110, 143B