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Sims of Craftsbury, Stebbins of Burlington, Till of Jericho,
White of Hartford, Wood of Waterbury, and Yantachka of
Charlotte

Referred to Committee on

Date:

Subject: Human services; public health; child care facilities; COVID-19; test
to stay guidance

Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to require the
Commissioner for Children and Families to adopt COVID-19 test to stay
guidance for child care facilities.

An act relating to adopting COVID-19 test to stay guidance for child care
facilities

1 It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

2 Sec. 1. COVID-19 TEST TO STAY IN CHILD CARE FACILITIES

3 The Commissioner for Children and Families shall adopt and disseminate
4 guidance to child care facilities as defined in 33 V.S.A. § 3511, including those
5 child care facilities providing pre-kindergarten instruction, with procedures for
6 implementing a COVID-19 test to stay program to support in-person care and
7 learning. Guidance adopted by the Commissioner shall be consistent with
8 guidance set forth by the Secretary of Education in the October 1, 2021
9 memorandum entitled, “COVID-19 Response Testing Programs for Schools,
10 Fall 2021” or its successor, recognizing that some aspects of the Secretary’s
11 guidance may need to be altered to better serve the needs of and population at
12 child care facilities.

13 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

14 This act shall take effect on passage.