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# SENATE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Senator Sabrina Cervantes, Chair  
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## SB 1200 (Menjivar) - Family daycare homes

**Version:** February 19, 2026

**Urgency:** No

**Hearing Date:** May 4, 2026

**Policy Vote:** HUMAN S. 4 - 0

**Mandate:** No

**Consultant:** Agnes Lee

**Bill Summary:** SB 1200 would require that “infant” for purposes of family child care home licensing, means a child under 18 months of age.

**Fiscal Impact:** Unknown ongoing General Fund costs, potentially hundreds of thousands, for the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) for licensing administration.

**Background:** The CDSS is responsible for licensing family child care homes. Existing state regulations define “infant” for these purposes as a child under 2 years of age. State regulations provide that:

- For a small family child care home, the maximum number of children for whom care may be provided at any one time, including children under age 10 who reside at the licensee's home, must be one of the following:
  - Four infants; or
  - Six children, no more than three of whom may be infants; or
  - More than six and up to eight children, without an additional adult attendant, only if certain criteria in existing law are met (including that no more than two infants are cared for during any time when more than six children are cared for).
- For a large family child care home, the maximum number of children for whom care may be provided at any one time when there is an assistant provider in the home, including children under age 10 who reside at the licensee's home and the assistant provider's children under age 10, must be either:
  - Twelve children, no more than four of whom may be infants; or
  - More than twelve and up to fourteen children only if certain criteria in existing law are met (including that no more than three infants are cared for during any time when more than 12 children are being cared for).

**Proposed Law:** SB 1200 would define “infant” for purposes of family child care home licensing, as a child under 18 months of age.

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