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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the Year Two Thousand Nine**  
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An Act creating assignment levels in the Department of Early Education and Care..

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1           SECTION 1. Section 10 of Chapter 28A of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2006  
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding at the end thereof the following sentence:-

3           The commissioner shall ensure that no licenser shall have assignment levels of day care  
4 centers or family day care homes in excess of the standards set forth by the National Association  
5 for the Education of Young Children and shall request the same in the Office's budget request to  
6 the General Court. Reasonable assignment levels shall be established for residential and  
7 placement licensers and investigators in order to provide adequate protection and quality care for  
8 children in licensed facilities. The commissioner's annual budget request to the General Court  
9 shall include sufficient funding to meet said assignment levels.