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Assigned to: Ways and Means

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Family Law - Qualifications of Directors of Preschool Centers**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Secretary of Human Resources to adopt certain
4 rules and regulations relating to the qualifications of the directors of preschool
5 centers; specifying that the rules and regulations require a director to meet
6 certain education and training requirements; and generally relating to rules and
7 regulations concerning the qualifications of directors of preschool centers.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
9 Article - Family Law
10 Section 5-573
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (2004 Replacement Volume)

13 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
14 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

15 **Article - Family Law**

16 5-573.

17 (a) The Secretary shall adopt rules and regulations for licensing and operating
18 child care centers.

19 (b) These rules and regulations shall:

20 (1) ensure safe and sanitary conditions in child care centers;

21 (2) ensure proper care, protection, and supervision of children in child
22 care centers;

23 (3) ensure the health of children in child care centers by:

24 (i) monitoring children for signs and symptoms of child abuse;

1 (ii) instructing licensees and staff concerning child abuse detection
2 and reporting;

3 (iii) monitoring health practices to help prevent the spread of
4 disease; and

5 (iv) monitoring the care of infants and children with special needs;

6 (4) promote the sound growth and development of children in child care
7 centers;

8 (5) encourage the care of children in a homelike environment by
9 reflecting the impracticability of conforming a residence to standards that are
10 appropriate for institutions and otherwise providing for centers that are in residences
11 or other facilities and serve between 7 and 12 children and facilities having 6 or fewer
12 children required to be licensed under § 5-574 of this subtitle;

13 (6) carry out otherwise the purposes and requirements of this Part VII of
14 this subtitle, including imposition of intermediate sanctions to ensure compliance;

15 (7) prohibit a child from remaining at a child care center for more than
16 14 hours in 1 day unless the Department issues an exception for that child based on
17 guidelines set by the Secretary; [and]

18 (8) (i) require that a child care center have in attendance at all times
19 at least 1 individual who is responsible for supervision of children, including children
20 on field trips, and who holds a current certificate indicating successful completion of
21 approved:

22 1. basic first aid training through the American Red Cross or
23 through a program with equivalent standards; and

24 2. cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) training through the
25 American Heart Association or through a program with equivalent standards
26 appropriate for the ages of children for whom care is provided in the child care center;
27 and

28 (ii) require that a child care center serving more than 20 children
29 have in attendance certificate holders described in item (i) of this item in a ratio of at
30 least 1 certificate holder for every 20 children; AND

31 (9) REQUIRE THAT A DIRECTOR OF A PRESCHOOL CENTER MEET THE
32 FOLLOWING QUALIFICATIONS:

33 (I) FOR A PRESCHOOL CENTER WITH 20 OR FEWER CHILDREN, THE
34 DIRECTOR SHALL HAVE COMPLETED:

35 1. 1 YEAR OF EXPERIENCE WORKING UNDER SUPERVISION
36 PRIMARILY WITH PRESCHOOLERS IN A LICENSED CHILD CARE CENTER, NURSERY

