

Chapter 396

(House Bill 941)

AN ACT concerning

Child Care Subsidy Program – Unemployment – Eligibility

FOR the purpose of requiring the State Department of Education to administer the Child Care Subsidy Program in accordance with federal law; establishing eligibility criteria to continue to receive a certain subsidy under certain circumstances; requiring the Department to adopt certain regulations; defining a certain term; and generally relating to the Child Care Subsidy Program.

BY adding to

Article – Education

Section 9.5–901 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 9. Child Care Subsidy Program”

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2014 Replacement Volume and 2017 Supplement)

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

Article – Education

SUBTITLE 9. CHILD CARE SUBSIDY PROGRAM.

9.5–901.

(A) IN THIS SECTION, “PROGRAM” MEANS THE CHILD CARE SUBSIDY PROGRAM.

(B) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ADMINISTER THE PROGRAM IN ACCORDANCE WITH FEDERAL LAW.

(C) AN INDIVIDUAL IS ELIGIBLE TO CONTINUE TO RECEIVE A SUBSIDY UNDER THE PROGRAM:

(1) FOR ~~UP TO~~ AT LEAST 90 DAYS IN A YEAR IF THE INDIVIDUAL IS UNEMPLOYED AND SEEKING EMPLOYMENT; AND

(2) IF THE INDIVIDUAL MEETS ANY OTHER ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA DETERMINED BY THE DEPARTMENT.

(D) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS TO IMPLEMENT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2018.

Approved by the Governor, May 8, 2018.