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<b>BILL:</b>	Senate Bill (SB) 280	<b>DATE:</b>	February 22, 2023
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	Child Care Providers - Registration and Licensing – Exemptions	<b>COMMITTEE:</b>	Education, Energy, and the Environment
<b>POSITION:</b>	Support		
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The Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) supports Senate Bill (SB) 280 – *Child Care Providers - Registration and Licensing - Exemptions*. This bill amends current Statute that requires the State Board to adopt rules and regulations for the licensing and operating of child care centers, family child care homes and large family child care homes.

The proposed legislation would exclude child care providers that are certified to operate by a branch of the U.S. Department of Defense and operate on military bases or federal land from the regulations enacted as required under §9.5-303 and §9.5-403 of the Education Article. Currently, 13.A.16.01.01 governing child care centers includes this exemption for child care centers operated by the federal government or on federal land. The proposed legislation, if enacted, would extend the exclusion to family child care homes and large family child care homes certified as a Family Child Care Provider by a branch of the U.S. Department of Defense or the U.S. Coast Guard.

The Maryland State Department of Education supports this legislation without amendments. However, MSDE would like to ensure that the Department of Defense (DoD) federal monitoring would still apply to the private child care providers operating on federal properties. If not, MSDE will need to continue to monitor private providers who are co-located on federal properties to ensure child health and safety. In addition, DoD federal monitoring will need to occur for family child care programs that are located outside of DoD military bases and installations

MSDE respectfully requests that you consider this letter of support as you deliberate Senate Bill 280. Please contact Justin Dayhoff, Assistant State Superintendent, Division of Financial Planning, Operations, and Strategy by phone at 410-767-0439, or by email at [justin.dayhoff@maryland.gov](mailto:justin.dayhoff@maryland.gov) for additional information.