



MARYLAND
Chamber of Commerce

LEGISLATIVE POSITION:

Favorable

Senate Bill 280

Child Care Providers – Registration and Licensing – Exemptions

House Ways & Means Committee

Wednesday, March 29, 2023

Dear Chairwoman Atterbeary and Members of the Committee:

Founded in 1968, the Maryland Chamber of Commerce (the Chamber) is the leading voice for business in Maryland. We are a statewide coalition of more than 6,400 members and federated partners working to develop and promote strong public policy that ensures sustained economic health and growth for Maryland businesses, employees, and families.

SB 280 exempts specified childcare centers, homes and facilities from certain state childcare registration and licensing requirements if they are located on certain federal property or certified by a branch of the U.S. Department of Defense or the U.S. Coast Guard.

The Chamber believes that the exemption of these facilities from additional Maryland licensing procedures is a necessary step to encourage access to childcare facilities that promote the wellbeing and effectiveness of Maryland's workforce and their employers.

While the Chamber certainly believes that all childcare facilities in Maryland should be held to rigorous standards, the facilities that are specified in this legislation are located on a military base or federal property, or certified by a branch of the U.S. Department of Defense or the U.S. Coast Guard, which have their own rigorous standards to ensure the safety and security of children in their care.

The Maryland Chamber of Commerce respectfully requests a **favorable report** on SB 280.

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