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CHAPTER \_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

**2 Mandatory Kindergarten - Child Care Exemptions - Repeal of Termination Provision**

3 FOR the purpose of repealing a termination provision concerning exemptions from  
4 attending kindergarten for children enrolled in certain child care programs; and  
5 generally relating to the repeal of the termination provision concerning exemptions  
6 from attending kindergarten for children enrolled in child care programs.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

8 Article - Education

9 Section 7-301(f)

10 Annotated Code of Maryland

11 (1997 Replacement Volume)

12 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

13 Chapter 463 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1991, as amended by Chapter

14 312 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1994

15 Section 3

16 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF

17 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

18 **Article - Education**

19 7-301.

20 (f) A child may be exempted from attending kindergarten if a parent or guardian  
21 of the child files a written request with the local school system and verifies that the child  
22 is enrolled:

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1 (1) Full time in a licensed child care center;

2 (2) Full time in a registered family day care home; or

3 (3) Part time in a Head Start 5 year old program.

4 **Chapter 463 of the Acts of 1991, as amended by Chapter 312 of the Acts of 1994**

5 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That § 7-301(f) of the  
6 Education Article as enacted by this Act shall take effect July 1, 1992. [It shall remain  
7 effective for a period of 5 years, and at the end of July 1, 1997, and with no further action  
8 required by the General Assembly, shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.]

9 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
10 June 1, 1997.