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**By: Senator Kelley**

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Child Care Homes and Child Care Institutions - Location**

3 FOR the purpose of prohibiting certain children in the custody of a State agency from  
4 being housed at a site less than a certain distance from a private residence; and  
5 generally relating to the location of certain facilities for children.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
7 Article - Family Law  
8 Section 5-506(d)  
9 Annotated Code of Maryland  
10 (1991 Replacement Volume and 1996 Supplement)

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

13 **Article - Family Law**

14 5-506.

15 (d) (1) A child placement agency, child care home, or child care institution may  
16 not be required to obtain a license from more than 1 State agency.

17 (2) Any State agency authorized to license child placement agencies, child  
18 care homes, or child care institutions may make cooperative arrangements with any other  
19 State agency to give effect to paragraph (1) of this subsection.

20 (3) CHILDREN WHO ARE ALLEGED TO BE OR ADJUDICATED AS  
21 DELINQUENT OR IN NEED OF SUPERVISION AND WHO ARE IN THE CUSTODY OF A  
22 STATE AGENCY MAY NOT BE HOUSED AT A SITE LESS THAN 210 FEET FROM ANY  
23 PRIVATE RESIDENCE.

24 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
25 October 1, 1997.