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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Child Care Administration Advisory Council - Membership**

3 FOR the purpose of increasing the membership of the Child Care Administration
4 Advisory Council; and generally relating to the Child Care Administration
5 Advisory Council.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
7 Article - Family Law
8 Section 5-590, 5-591, and 5-593
9 Annotated Code of Maryland
10 (1991 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)

11 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
12 Article - Family Law
13 Section 5-592
14 Annotated Code of Maryland
15 (1991 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)

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

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Article - Family Law

2 5-590.

3 (a) In this Part IX of this subtitle the following words have the meanings
4 indicated.

5 (b) "Child Care Administration" means the Child Care Administration of the
6 Department.

7 (c) "Council" means the Child Care Administration Advisory Council.

8 (d) "Secretary" means the Secretary of Human Resources.

9 5-591.

10 There is a Child Care Administration Advisory Council.

11 5-592.

12 (a) (1) The Council consists of at least [21] 25 members, but no more than
13 [25] 30 members.

14 (2) In appointing members to the Council, the Secretary shall, to the
15 extent possible, appoint members representing geographically diverse jurisdictions
16 across the State.

17 (b) The members shall include:

18 (1) 1 member of the Senate of Maryland appointed by the President of
19 the Senate;

20 (2) 1 member of the Maryland House of Delegates appointed by the
21 Speaker of the House;

22 (3) at least 1 representative, appointed by the Secretary, from:

23 (i) the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene;

24 (ii) the Child Care Administration of the Department of Human
25 Resources;

26 (iii) the Governor's Office for Children, Youth, and Families;

27 (iv) the Head Start Program;

28 (v) the State Department of Education;

29 (vi) the Office of the State Fire Marshal;

30 (vii) a local government;

- 1 (viii) a child care advocacy organization;
- 2 (ix) an independent school, which may include a religious,
3 nonsectarian, or nursery school;
- 4 (x) a child care resource and referral agency;
- 5 (xi) the Department of the Environment; [and]
- 6 (xii) a community college with an early childhood education
7 program;
- 8 (XIII) THE MARYLAND ASSOCIATION OF SOCIAL SERVICES
9 DIRECTORS; AND
- 10 (XIV) A PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATION CONCERNED WITH THE
11 QUALITY OF EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAMS;
- 12 (4) at least 1 representative, appointed by the Secretary, who is:
- 13 (i) a local fire official who has responsibility for the enforcement or
14 administration of fire codes;
- 15 (ii) a user of child care services; AND
- 16 [(iii) a family day care provider;
- 17 (iv) a child care provider from a child care center; and
- 18 (v)] (III) a business person; [and]
- 19 (5) a pediatrician with an interest and expertise in day care issues,
20 appointed by the Secretary;
- 21 (6) AT LEAST TWO FAMILY DAY CARE PROVIDERS, APPOINTED BY THE
22 SECRETARY; AND
- 23 (7) AT LEAST TWO CHILD CARE PROVIDERS FROM CHILD CARE
24 CENTERS, APPOINTED BY THE SECRETARY.
- 25 (c) (1) The term of a member is 3 years.
- 26 (2) At the end of a term, a member continues to serve until a successor is
27 appointed and qualifies.
- 28 (3) A member who is appointed after a term has begun serves only for
29 the rest of the term and until a successor is appointed and qualifies.
- 30 (4) (i) If a vacancy occurs, the Secretary promptly shall appoint a
31 successor who will serve until the term expires.

1 (ii) The successor may be reappointed for a full term.

2 (5) Any member who leaves the position with the organization or State
3 agency that the member represents on the Council shall automatically lose their
4 appointment to the Council and the Secretary shall promptly appoint a successor.

5 (d) From among the members of the Council, the Secretary shall appoint a
6 chairman.

7 (e) (1) A majority of the members then serving on the Council is a quorum.

8 (2) The Council shall meet at least once a year at the time and place it
9 decides.

10 (3) The Department shall provide staff for the Council.

11 (f) The members of the Council may not receive compensation or
12 reimbursement for expenses.

13 5-593.

14 The Council shall:

15 (1) advise and counsel the Child Care Administration;

16 (2) review regulations proposed by State agencies regulating child care
17 for the purpose of insuring coordination and consistency;

18 (3) review issues and problems relating to care of children and suggest
19 priorities for consideration by the Child Care Administration; and

20 (4) identify interdepartmental issues of importance to child care
21 providers and users that should be addressed by the Child Care Administration of the
22 Department and other State agencies.

23 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take
24 effect October 1, 1998.