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ENROLLED BILL

-- Environmental Matters/Economic and Environmental Affairs --

Introduced by **Delegate Hubbard**

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Sealed with the Great Seal and presented to the Governor, for his approval this
____ day of _____ at _____ o'clock, ____ M.

Speaker.

CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Residential Educational Facilities - Licensing**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring a person to be licensed by the Social Services
4 Administration of the Department of Human Resources before the person may
5 operate a residential educational facility on or after a certain date; authorizing
6 the Department of Human Resources to adopt regulations relating to the
7 licensing of residential educational facilities; providing that a residential
8 educational facility may not be required to obtain a license from more than one
9 State agency; authorizing any State agency authorized to license residential
10 educational facilities to make certain cooperative arrangements with any other
11 State agency; providing for the construction and application of this Act; defining
12 a certain term; altering a certain term; and generally relating to licensing of
13 residential educational facilities.

14 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
15 Article - Family Law
16 Section 5-501 and 5-506

1 Annotated Code of Maryland
2 (1999 Replacement Volume)

3 BY adding to
4 Article - Family Law
5 Section 5-509.1
6 Annotated Code of Maryland
7 (1999 Replacement Volume)

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

10 **Article - Family Law**

11 5-501.

12 (a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.

13 (b) "Administration" means the Social Services Administration of the
14 Department.

15 (c) "Child placement agency" has the meaning stated in § 5-301 of this title.

16 (d) "Day care provider" means the adult who has primary responsibility for
17 the operation of a family day care home.

18 (e) "Family day care" means the care given to a child under the age of 13 years
19 or to any developmentally disabled person under the age of 21 years of age, in place of
20 parental care for less than 24 hours a day, in a residence other than the child's
21 residence, for which the day care provider is paid.

22 (f) "Family day care home" means a residence in which family day care is
23 provided.

24 (g) "Foster care" means continuous 24-hour care and supportive services
25 provided for a minor child placed by a child placement agency in an approved family
26 home.

27 (h) "Group care" means continuous 24-hour care and supportive services
28 provided for a minor child placed in a licensed group facility.

29 (i) "Kinship care" means continuous 24-hour care and supportive services
30 provided for a minor child placed by a child placement agency in the home of a
31 relative related by blood or marriage within the 5th degree of consanguinity or
32 affinity under the civil law rule.

33 (j) (1) "License" means a license issued by the Administration under this
34 subtitle.

- 1 (2) "License" includes:
- 2 (i) a child placement agency license;
- 3 (ii) a child care home license; [and]
- 4 (iii) a child care institution license; AND
- 5 (IV) A RESIDENTIAL EDUCATIONAL FACILITY LICENSE.
- 6 (k) "Local board" means a local citizen board of review of foster care for
7 children.
- 8 (l) "Local department" means a local department of social services for a
9 county.
- 10 (m) "Out-of-home placement" means placement of a child into foster care,
11 kinship care, group care, or residential treatment care.
- 12 (N) ~~(N)~~ "RESIDENTIAL EDUCATIONAL FACILITY" MEANS:
- 13 (1) A FACILITY THAT:
- 14 (I) PROVIDES SPECIAL EDUCATION AND RELATED SERVICES FOR
15 STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES;
- 16 (II) HOLDS A CERTIFICATE OF APPROVAL ISSUED BY THE STATE
17 BOARD OF EDUCATION; AND
- 18 (III) PROVIDES CONTINUOUS 24-HOUR CARE AND SUPPORTIVE
19 SERVICES TO CHILDREN IN A RESIDENTIAL SETTING; OR
- 20 ~~(2)~~ ~~"RESIDENTIAL EDUCATIONAL FACILITY" INCLUDES:~~
- 21 (2) IS ONE OF THE FOLLOWING SCHOOLS:
- 22 (I) THE BENEDICTINE SCHOOL;
- 23 (II) THE LINWOOD SCHOOL;
- 24 (III) THE MARYLAND SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND; AND
- 25 (IV) THE MARYLAND SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF.
- 26 [(n)] (O) "Residential treatment care" means continuous 24-hour care and
27 supportive services for a minor child placed in a facility that provides formal
28 programs of basic care, social work, and health care services.
- 29 [(o)] (P) "State Board" means the State Citizen Board of Review of Foster
30 Care for Children.

1 [(p)] (Q) "Unregistered family day care home" means a residence in which
2 family day care is provided and in which the day care provider:

3 (1) has not obtained a certificate of registration from the Department;

4 (2) is not related by blood or marriage to each child in the provider's care;

5 (3) is not a friend of each child's parents or legal guardian and is
6 providing care on a regular basis; and

7 (4) has not received the care of the child from a child placement agency
8 licensed by the Administration or by a local department.

9 5-506.

10 (a) The General Assembly intends that:

11 (1) all children whose care is the responsibility of this State shall have
12 similar protection in terms of health, safety, and quality of care; and

13 (2) the rules and regulations of agencies that are charged with child care
14 shall be comparable.

15 (b) In addition to other rules and regulations adopted under this title, the
16 Department may adopt rules and regulations to carry out §§ 5-507, 5-508, [and
17 5-509] 5-509, AND 5-509.1 of this subtitle, which relate to the licensing of child
18 placement agencies, child care homes, [and] child care institutions, AND
19 RESIDENTIAL EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES.

20 (c) (1) By rule or regulation, the Department may delegate authority to local
21 departments and licensed child placement agencies to issue licenses or approve
22 applicants for licenses under this subtitle.

23 (2) Any rule or regulation adopted by the Department under this
24 subsection shall provide for an appeal to an administrative appellate authority from a
25 decision of a local department or licensed child placement agency.

26 (d) (1) A child placement agency, child care home, [or] child care institution,
27 OR RESIDENTIAL EDUCATIONAL FACILITY may not be required to obtain a license
28 from more than 1 State agency.

29 (2) Any State agency authorized to license child placement agencies,
30 child care homes, [or] child care institutions, OR RESIDENTIAL EDUCATIONAL
31 FACILITIES may make cooperative arrangements with any other State agency to give
32 effect to paragraph (1) of this subsection.

33 5-509.1.

34 (A) EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION
35 AND SUBJECT TO SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION, ON OR AFTER JANUARY 1, 2000,

1 A PERSON SHALL BE LICENSED BY THE ADMINISTRATION BEFORE THE PERSON MAY
2 OPERATE A RESIDENTIAL EDUCATIONAL FACILITY.

3 (B) THIS SECTION DOES NOT APPLY:

4 (1) TO A CHILD CARE HOME THAT HAS A LICENSE UNDER THIS
5 SUBTITLE OR UNDER ARTICLE 83C, § 2-123 OF THE CODE;

6 (2) TO A CHILD CARE INSTITUTION THAT HAS A LICENSE UNDER THIS
7 SUBTITLE OR UNDER ARTICLE 83C, § 2-124 OF THE CODE; OR

8 (3) TO AN INSTITUTION THAT ACCEPTS ONLY CHILDREN PLACED BY
9 THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE OR THE DEPARTMENT OF
10 JUVENILE JUSTICE.

11 (C) THIS SECTION DOES NOT AFFECT ANY REQUIREMENT THAT A
12 RESIDENTIAL EDUCATIONAL FACILITY OBTAIN A CERTIFICATE OF APPROVAL FROM
13 THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION FOR ITS EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM.

14 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
15 July 1, 1999.