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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Department of Human Resources - Foster Care Reimbursement and Group**  
3 **Home Care Reimbursement**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the Department of Human Resources to establish  
5 county rates for foster care reimbursement and group home care reimbursement  
6 that are not less than corresponding rates for a jurisdiction that is outside of the  
7 State, adjacent to a county, and places children for foster care or group home  
8 care in the county; requiring that the rate for foster care reimbursement not be  
9 less than the rate paid by the Department of Juvenile Justice; and generally  
10 relating to reimbursement for foster care and group home care for minors.

11 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
12 Article - Family Law  
13 Section 5-526 and 5-527  
14 Annotated Code of Maryland  
15 (1999 Replacement Volume and 2001 Supplement)

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

18 **Article - Family Law**

19 5-526.

20 (a) (1) The Department shall provide for the care, diagnosis, training,  
21 education, and rehabilitation of children by placing them in group homes and  
22 institutions that are operated by for-profit or nonprofit charitable corporations.

23 (2) Any group home utilized under the provisions of this section shall  
24 comply with the provisions of §§ 5-507 through 5-509 of this subtitle.

25 (b) (1) The Department shall reimburse these corporations for the cost of  
26 these services at appropriate monthly rates that the Department determines, as  
27 provided in the State budget.



1 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
2 October 1, 2002.