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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Department of Human Resources - Purchase of Child Care Program**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing the Purchase of Child Care Program within the
4 Department of Human Resources; providing for the purpose of the Program;
5 authorizing the Secretary of Human Resources to implement the Program and
6 adopt certain regulations; requiring the Governor to include in the annual
7 budget for certain fiscal years a certain appropriation for the Program; defining
8 certain terms; and generally relating to the Purchase of Child Care Program.

9 BY adding to

10 Article 88A - Department of Human Resources
11 Section 18 through 21, inclusive, to be under the new subtitle "Purchase of Child
12 Care Program"
13 Annotated Code of Maryland
14 (2003 Replacement Volume and 2004 Supplement)

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

17 **Article 88A - Department of Human Resources**

18 **PURCHASE OF CHILD CARE PROGRAM**

19 18.

20 (A) IN THIS SUBTITLE THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS
21 INDICATED.

22 (B) "DEPARTMENT" MEANS THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES.

23 (C) "PURCHASE OF CHILD CARE" MEANS THE SYSTEM OF PROVIDING FOR AN
24 ELIGIBLE FAMILY A CHILD CARE SUBSIDY FOR WHICH THE LOCAL DEPARTMENT OF
25 SOCIAL SERVICES PAYS TO THE PROVIDER ALL OR PART OF THE PAYMENT ON
26 BEHALF OF THE FAMILY.

1 (D) "SECRETARY" MEANS THE SECRETARY OF HUMAN RESOURCES.

2 19.

3 (A) THERE IS A PURCHASE OF CHILD CARE PROGRAM ADMINISTERED BY THE
4 DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES.

5 (B) THE PURPOSE OF THE PURCHASE OF CHILD CARE PROGRAM IS TO
6 PROVIDE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO ELIGIBLE FAMILIES TO MEET THEIR CHILD
7 CARE NEEDS.

8 20.

9 THE SECRETARY SHALL:

10 (1) IMPLEMENT THE PURCHASE OF CHILD CARE PROGRAM, INCLUDING
11 ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS, THE APPLICATION PROCESS, DELIVERY OF SERVICE,
12 LIMITATIONS, SUBSIDIES, AND PAYMENTS FOR CHILD CARE SERVICES; AND

13 (2) ADOPT REGULATIONS TO IMPLEMENT THIS SUBTITLE.

14 21.

15 FOR EACH OF FISCAL YEARS 2007 THROUGH 2009, THE GOVERNOR SHALL
16 INCLUDE AN APPROPRIATION TO THE PURCHASE OF CHILD CARE PROGRAM IN THE
17 ANNUAL BUDGET IN AT LEAST THE FOLLOWING AMOUNTS:

18 (1) \$113,000,000 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2007;

19 (2) \$122,000,000 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2008; AND

20 (3) \$131,000,000 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2009.

21 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
22 July 1, 2005.