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By: Senator Conway

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CHAPTER

1 AN ACT concerning

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Family Law - Family Child Care - Large Family Child Care Homes

- 3 FOR the purpose of defining a certain family child care home as a residence in which 4 family child care is provided for a certain number of children; requiring the 5 State Department of Education to adopt certain regulations; specifying that 6 there may not be more than a certain number of children in certain care at 7 certain times; repealing a certain provision of law that authorizes child care 8 centers of a certain size; authorizing certain grants to certain child care homes 9 under certain circumstances; making certain stylistic changes; defining certain 10 terms; requiring the publisher of the Annotated Code to make certain changes to the Code; and generally relating to family child care homes. 11
- 12 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
- 13 Article Family Law
- 14 Section 4–403(b)(3), 5–501, 5–502(b)(3), 5–505(b), 5–550(c) and (d), 5–550.1, 5–551, 5–552, 5–553, 5–554(a), 5–554.1(a), (c), and (e)(1), 5–555(a), (b)(1),
- and (c), 5–556(a) and (f), 5–556.1, 5–559.1, 5–559.2(b), 5–559.3(b)(2) and
- 17 (d), 5-559.5(b), 5-560(e)(2), 5-561(b)(2) and (c)(5)(i), 5-564(b)(1)(ii)2.,
- 18 5–570(c)(3)(iv), 5–573(b), 5–592(b)(5) and (6) and (f)(2), 5–594(c) and (e),
- 19 5-594.3(d)(3), 5-1308(c)(3)(v), and 6-103(c)(4), and 14-202(a)(3)
- 20 Annotated Code of Maryland
- 21 (2006 Replacement Volume and 2010 Supplement)

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

<u>Underlining</u> indicates amendments to bill.

Strike out indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



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

3 Article – Family Law

- 4 4-403.
- 5 (b) In implementing the program, the Department of Human Resources 6 shall:
- 7 (3) to the extent possible, coordinate for families with children the 8 delivery of [day] CHILD care, health, educational, mental health, employment, 9 housing, and crisis services provided by public and private agencies.
- 10 5–501.

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- 11 (a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.
- 12 (b) "Administration" means:
- 13 (1) the Social Services Administration of the Department; or
- 14 (2) any other unit within the Department to which the Secretary of 15 Human Resources has delegated in writing specified responsibilities of the 16 Administration under this subtitle.
- 17 (c) [Repealed.
- 18 (d) "Day**] "CHILD** care provider" means the adult who has primary 19 responsibility for the operation of a family [day] CHILD care home OR LARGE FAMILY 20 CHILD CARE HOME.
 - [(e)] (D) "Family [day] CHILD care" means the care given to a child under the age of 13 years or to any developmentally disabled person under the age of 21 years, in place of parental care for less than 24 hours a day, in a residence other than the child's residence, for which the [day] CHILD care provider is paid.
- [(f)] (E) "Family [day] CHILD care home" means a residence in which family [day] CHILD care is provided FOR UP TO 8 CHILDREN.
- [(g)] **(F)** "Foster care" means continuous 24—hour care and supportive services provided for a minor child placed by a child placement agency in an approved family home.
- 30 **[(h)] (G)** "Group care" means continuous 24-hour care and supportive 31 services provided for a minor child placed in a licensed group facility.

1 2 3 4		"Kinship care" means continuous 24-hour care and supportive d for a minor child placed by a child placement agency in the home of a by blood or marriage within the 5th degree of consanguinity or affinity aw rule.
5 6 7	` '	ARGE FAMILY CHILD CARE HOME" MEANS A RESIDENCE IN WHICH CARE IS PROVIDED FOR AT LEAST 9 BUT NOT MORE THAN 12
8 9	(j) (1) subtitle.	"License" means a license issued by the Administration under this
10	(2)	"License" includes:
1		(i) a child placement agency license;
12		(ii) a child care home license;
13		(iii) a child care institution license; and
14		(iv) a residential educational facility license.
15 16	(k) "Lo out–of–home ca	ocal board" means a local citizen board of review for children in re.
L 7	(l) "O	ut-of-home care" means:
18	(1)	out-of-home placement; and
19 20	(2) following a child	the monitoring of and services provided to a child in aftercare is out-of-home placement.
21 22		ut-of-home placement" means placement of a child into foster care, oup care, or residential treatment care.
23	(n) "Re	esidential educational facility" means:
24	(1)	a facility that:
25 26	with disabilities	(i) provides special education and related services for students
27 28	Education; and	(ii) holds a certificate of approval issued by the State Board of

$\frac{1}{2}$	children in a resid	(iii) ential	provides continuous 24—hour care and supportive services to setting; or
3	(2)	one o	f the following schools:
4		(i)	the Benedictine School;
5		(ii)	the Linwood School;
6		(iii)	the Maryland School for the Blind; or
7		(iv)	the Maryland School for the Deaf.
8 9 10	supportive service	s for a	l treatment care" means continuous 24—hour care and minor child placed in a facility that provides formal programs, and health care services.
1	(p) "State	e Boar	d" means the State Citizens Review Board for Children.
12 13 14			ed family [day] CHILD care home" means a residence in ILD care is provided and in which the [day] CHILD care
15 16	(1) STATE DEPARTM		not obtained a certificate of registration from the Department OF EDUCATION ;
17 18	(2) care;	is not	related by blood or marriage to each child in the provider's
19 20	(3) providing care on a		t a friend of each child's parents or legal guardian and is ar basis; and
$\frac{21}{22}$	(4) agency licensed by		not received the care of the child from a child placement dministration or by a local department.
23 24 25 26 27	voluntarily entere of a minor child t rights and obliga	d into hat sp tions	placement agreement" means a binding, written agreement between a local department and the parent or legal guardian ecifies, at a minimum, the legal status of the child and the of the parent or legal guardian, the child, and the local ild is in placement.
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29 (b) It is the policy of this State:

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(3) to encourage the development of [day] CHILD care services for minor children in a safe, healthy, and homelike environment.

- 1 5–505.
- 2 (b) This section applies only to foster homes, family [day] CHILD care homes,
- 3 and child care centers in the State.
- 4 5–550.
- 5 (c) "Direct Grant Fund" means the Family [Day] CHILD Care Provider
- 6 Direct Grant Fund.
- 7 (d) "Family [day] CHILD care provider" means an individual who cares for
- 8 no more than eight children in a registered family day care home.
- 9 5–550.1.
- 10 (a) The Department shall implement a system of registration for family
- 11 [day] CHILD care homes.
- 12 (b) The purpose of registration of family [day] CHILD care homes is to:
- 13 (1) protect the health, safety, and welfare of children while they are in
- 14 family [day] CHILD care;
- 15 (2) identify family [day] CHILD care homes;
- 16 (3) provide basic technical assistance and child care information to
- 17 [day] CHILD care providers; and
- 18 (4) minimize the regulatory rigidity often associated with licensing.
- 19 (c) The system of registration is intended to promote a high degree of
- 20 flexibility in the regulation of family [day] CHILD care homes while assuring the
- 21 health and safety of children who are cared for in family [day] CHILD care homes.
- 22 5–551.
- 23 (a) The Department shall adopt regulations that relate to the registration of
- family [day] CHILD care homes AND LARGE FAMILY CHILD CARE HOMES.
- 25 (b) So far as practicable, the regulations shall be uniform with the rules and
- 26 regulations adopted by other State agencies as those rules and regulations relate to
- other types of [day] CHILD care.
- 28 (c) At a minimum, the regulations of the Department shall provide for:

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1 2	(1) provisions for:	minimum standards of environmental health and safety, including
3 4	requirements for v	(i) adequate and safe physical surroundings, including window coverings in accordance with § 5–505 of this subtitle;
5 6	providers; and	(ii) the physical and mental health of [day] CHILD care
7 8	provider;	(iii) investigation of any criminal record of a [day] CHILD care
9 10 11	(2) home and [day] Can initial registrate	a thorough evaluation of each prospective family [day] CHILD care CHILD care provider, to be completed before the Department accepts tion;
12 13	(3) after its effective of	an initial family [day] CHILD care registration that expires 2 years date;
14	(4)	a continuing family [day] CHILD care registration that:
15 16 17	=	(i) upon application by the [day] CHILD care provider that ements set by the Department, is issued to the provider before the registration period; and
18 19	revoked, or replace	(ii) once issued, remains in effect until surrendered, suspended, ed by a conditional registration;
20 21	(5) requirements, by	reporting of any changed circumstances that relate to the the [day] CHILD care provider, at the time the change occurs;
22 23	(6) providers by the D	an orientation to be provided to prospective [day] CHILD care Department before initial registration;
24 25 26		announced inspection by the Department of each registered family e home prior to issuance of an initial or continuing registration to er applicable requirements are being met;

27 (8) unannounced inspection by the Department of each registered 28 family [day] CHILD care home at least once during each 12—month period that an 29 initial or continuing registration is in effect to determine whether safe and appropriate 30 child care is being provided;

(9) procedures to be followed by the Department in response to a complaint about a family [day] CHILD care home;

$\frac{1}{2}$	(10) a requirement that a person who advertises a family [day] CHILD care home or family [day] CHILD care service shall:
3 4	(i) indicate in the advertisement that the family [day] CHILD care home is registered; and
5 6 7	(ii) display in the advertisement the registration number issued to the family [day] CHILD care home or family day CHILD care service by the Department;
8 9	(11) a requirement that each registered [day] CHILD care provider shall hold a current certificate indicating successful completion of approved:
10 11	(i) basic first aid training through the American Red Cross or through a program with equivalent standards; and
12 13 14 15	(ii) cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) training through the American Heart Association or through a program with equivalent standards appropriate for the ages of children for whom care is provided in the family [day] CHILD care home; and
16 17 18 19 20	(12) (i) a requirement that a family [day] CHILD care home that receives notice of a contaminated drinking water supply from the family [day] CHILD care home's supplier of water, in accordance with § 9–410 of the Environment Article or otherwise, send notice of the drinking water contamination to the parent or legal guardian of each child attending the family [day] CHILD care home; and
21 22	(ii) a requirement that the notice sent by the family [day] CHILD care home shall:
23 24	1. be sent within 10 business days after receipt of the notice of contamination from the family [day] CHILD care home's water supplier;
25	2. be in writing;
26 27	3. identify the contaminants and their levels in the family [day] CHILD care home's water supply; and
28 29 30	4. describe the family [day] CHILD care home's plan for dealing with the water contamination problem until the family [day] CHILD care home's water is determined by the appropriate authority to be safe for consumption.
31	(d) The Department shall adopt regulations that:

require a family [day] CHILD care provider to have a written

emergency preparedness plan for emergency situations that require evacuation,

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1 2 3	sheltering in place, or other protection of children such as in the event of fire, natural disaster, or other threatening situation that may pose a health or safety hazard to the children in the family [day] CHILD care home;
4	(2) require the plan under item (1) of this subsection to include:
5	(i) a designated relocation site and evacuation route;
6 7	(ii) procedures for notifying parents or other adults responsible for the child of the relocation;
8 9	(iii) procedures to address the needs of individual children including children with special needs;
10 11	(iv) procedures for the reassignment of staff duties during an emergency, as appropriate; and
12 13	(v) procedures for communicating with local emergency management officials or other appropriate State or local authorities; and
14 15	(3) require a family [day] CHILD care provider to train staff and ensure that staff are familiar with the plan.
16	5–552.
17 18	(a) Except as otherwise provided in this section, a family [day] CHILD care home may not operate unless it is registered.
19 20	(b) A family [day] CHILD care home is not required to be registered if the [day] CHILD care provider:
21	(1) is related to each child by blood or marriage;
22 23	(2) is a friend of each child's parents or legal guardian and the care is provided on an occasional basis; or
24 25 26	(3) has received the care of the child from a child placement agency licensed by the Administration STATE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES or by a local department OF SOCIAL SERVICES.
27 28 29	(c) A person may not advertise a family [day] CHILD care home or family [day] CHILD care service unless the family [day] CHILD care home is registered under the provisions of this Part V of this subtitle.

1 2 3	(d) An employee of the Department charged with the investigation and enforcement of child care regulations may serve a civil citation to a person found in violation of this section.
4	5–553.
5 6	(a) For purposes of this Part V of this subtitle, a [day] CHILD care provider's own children under the age of 2 years shall be counted as children served.
7	(b) (1) At any given time, a [day] CHILD care provider:
8 9	(I) IN A FAMILY CHILD CARE HOME, may not care for more than 8 children, of whom no more than 4 may be under the age of 2 years; AND
10 11	(H) IN A LARGE FAMILY CHILD CARE HOME, MAY NOT CARE FOR MORE THAN 12 CHILDREN.
12 13	(2) An adult to child ratio of at least 1 adult to every 2 children under the age of 2 years shall be maintained at all times.
14	(B) (1) IN A FAMILY CHILD CARE HOME:
15	(I) THERE MAY NOT BE MORE THAN:
16	1. 8 CHILDREN IN CARE AT ANY GIVEN TIME; AND
17	2. 4 CHILDREN UNDER THE AGE OF 2 YEARS; AND
18 19	(II) THERE SHALL BE AN ADULT TO CHILD RATIO OF AT LEAST 1 ADULT TO EVERY 2 CHILDREN UNDER THE AGE OF 2 YEARS.
20	(2) IN A LARGE FAMILY CHILD CARE HOME:
21 22	(I) THERE MAY NOT BE MORE THAN 12 CHILDREN IN CARE AT ANY GIVEN TIME; AND
23 24	(II) THERE SHALL BE AN ADULT TO CHILD RATIO THAT COMPLIES WITH REGULATIONS ADOPTED BY THE DEPARTMENT.
25 26 27 28	(c) If the Department determines that the group size provisions of subsection (b) of this section are unsuitable for a particular family [day] CHILD care home, the Department may decrease the number of children permitted to be in care at that family [day] CHILD care home.

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1	(a) A registration under this Part V of this subtitle may be revoked, a [day]
2	CHILD care provider may appeal from the revocation, and the operation of an
3	unregistered family [day] CHILD care home may be enjoined.

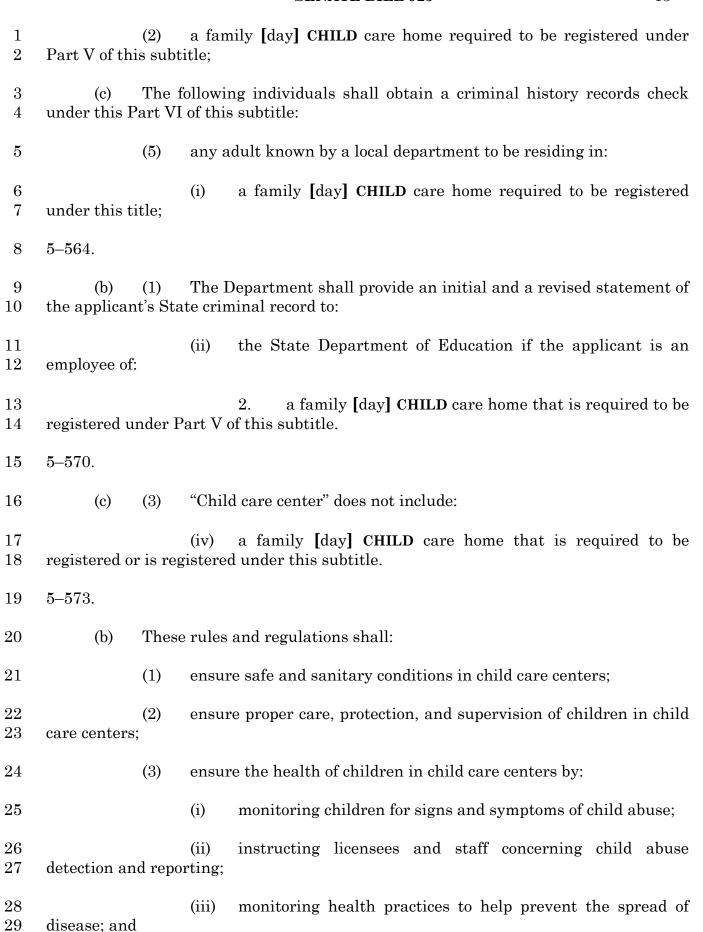
4 5-554.1.

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- 5 (a) The State Superintendent or other authorized official or employee of the 6 Department may apply to a judge of the District Court or a circuit court for an administrative search warrant to enter any unregistered family [day] CHILD care home to conduct any inspection required or authorized by law to determine compliance with the provisions of this subtitle relating to family [day] CHILD care homes.
- 10 (c) A judge of a District Court or circuit court in the jurisdiction in which the 11 unregistered family [day] CHILD care home is located may issue an administrative 12 search warrant on finding that:
- 13 (1) the Department has reasonably sought and been denied access to 14 an unregistered family [day] CHILD care home for the purpose of making an 15 inspection;
 - (2) the requirements of subsection (b) of this section are met;
- 17 (3) the official or employee of the Department is authorized or 18 required by law to make an inspection of the unregistered family [day] CHILD care 19 home for which the warrant is sought; and
- 20 (4) the Department has shown probable cause for the issuance of the 21 warrant by specific evidence:
 - (i) of an existing violation of § 5–552 of this subtitle; and
- 23 (ii) that the health, safety, and welfare of the children in the 24 unregistered family [day] CHILD care home are substantially threatened due to 25 conditions in the family [day] CHILD care home.
- (e) (1) An administrative search warrant issued under this section authorizes the State Superintendent and other officials or employees of the State Department of Education or the Department of Human Resources to enter the specified property to perform the inspection and other functions authorized by law to determine compliance with the provisions of this subtitle relating to family [day] CHILD care homes.
- 32 5–555.

- 1 (a) The Department shall prepare and, as needed, update an informational pamphlet for parents of children in family [day] CHILD care.
- 3 (b) The pamphlet shall contain:
- 4 (1) an outline of family [day] CHILD care regulations;
- 5 (c) The Department shall make the pamphlet available to [day] CHILD care 6 providers for distribution to parents.
- 7 5–556.
- 8 (a) In addition to any other provision of law relating to child abuse and 9 neglect, a local department that receives a report of suspected child abuse under § 5–704 or § 5–705 of this title that concerns a family [day] CHILD care home shall 11 notify the State Superintendent's designee within 48 hours.
- 12 (f) Upon request, the Department of State Police shall provide technical assistance to a local law enforcement agency which is investigating a report of suspected child abuse concerning a family [day] CHILD care home.
- 15 5–556.1.
- Within 30 days after a child under the age of 6 years enters care in a family [day] CHILD care home, a parent or guardian of the child shall provide to the family [day] CHILD care home evidence of an appropriate screening for lead poisoning. This evidence may include documentation from the child's continuing care health care provider that the child was screened through an initial questionnaire and was determined not to be at risk for lead poisoning.
- 22 5–559.1.
- 23 (a) There is a Family [Day] CHILD Care Provider Direct Grant Fund 24 administered by the Department.
- 25 (b) To administer grants to family [day] CHILD care providers, the 26 Department may contract with State agencies and nonprofit organizations.
- 27 5–559.2.
- 28 (b) A grant made under this subtitle shall be awarded as a reimbursement 29 for the expenses incurred by a family [day] CHILD care provider to comply with State 30 and local regulations.
- 31 5–559.3.

- 1 The Direct Grant Fund shall be used to: (b) 2 make grants to family [day] CHILD care providers. **(2)** (d) 3 The amount of State general funds expended for grants to family [day] 4 CHILD care providers from the Direct Grant Fund may not exceed \$50,000 in each 5 year. 6 5-559.5.7 (b) The application shall include: 8 (1) the identity and location of the family [day] CHILD care provider; an itemization of known and estimated costs; 9 (2) the total amount of funds required by the family [day] CHILD care 10 11 provider to comply with State and local regulations; 12 the funds available to the applicant without financial assistance **(4)** from the Department; 13 14 (5)the amount of financial assistance sought from the Department; a statement from the family [day] CHILD care provider on how the 15 (6)grant funds will be used; 16 17 information that relates to the family income of the grant (7)18 applicant; and 19 (8)any other relevant information that the Department requests. 20 5-560. For purposes of §§ 5–561(g), 5–564(a)(2)(i) and (c)(1)(i) and (2), and 21(e) 225–567 of this subtitle, "employer" includes a child care resource and referral center, an 23 association of registered family [day] CHILD care providers, and an association of 24licensed child care centers to the extent that the center or association establishes and 25maintains a pool of individuals who are qualified to work as substitute or temporary 26employees in a facility identified in § 5–561(b)(1) or (2) of this subtitle. 27 5-561.
 - (b) The following facilities shall require employees and employers to obtain a criminal history records check under this Part VI of this subtitle:



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1 2	(iv) monitoring the care of infants and children with special needs;
$\frac{3}{4}$	(4) promote the sound growth and development of children in child care centers;
5 6 7 8 9	(5) [encourage the care of children in a homelike environment by reflecting the impracticability of conforming a residence to standards that are appropriate for institutions and otherwise providing for centers that are in residences or other facilities and serve between 7 and 12 children and facilities having 6 or fewer children required to be licensed under § 5–574 of this subtitle;
10 11	(6)] carry out otherwise the purposes and requirements of this Part VII of this subtitle, including imposition of intermediate sanctions to ensure compliance;
12 13 14	[(7)] (6) prohibit a child from remaining at a child care center for more than 14 hours in 1 day unless the Department issues an exception for that child based on guidelines set by the State Superintendent;
15 16 17 18	[(8)] (7) (i) require that a child care center have in attendance at all times at least 1 individual who is responsible for supervision of children, including children on field trips, and who holds a current certificate indicating successful completion of approved:
19 20	1. basic first aid training through the American Red Cross or through a program with equivalent standards; and
21 22 23 24	2. cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) training through the American Heart Association or through a program with equivalent standards appropriate for the ages of children for whom care is provided in the child care center; and
25 26 27	(ii) require that a child care center serving more than 20 children have in attendance certificate holders described in item (i) of this item in a ratio of at least 1 certificate holder for every 20 children;
28 29 30 31 32	[(9)] (8) (i) require that a child care center that receives notice of a contaminated drinking water supply from the child care center's supplier of water, in accordance with § 9–410 of the Environment Article or otherwise, send notice of the drinking water contamination to the parent or legal guardian of each child attending the child care center; and
33	(ii) require that the notice sent by the child care center shall:

1. be sent within 10 business days after receipt of the notice of contamination from the child care center's water supplier;

1	2. be in writing;
2 3	3. identify the contaminants and their levels in the center's water supply; and
4 5 6	4. describe the child care center's plan for dealing with the water contamination problem until the child care center's water is determined by the appropriate authority to be safe for consumption;
7 8 9 10 11	[(10)] (9) (i) require a child care center to have a written emergency preparedness plan for emergency situations that require evacuation, sheltering in place, or other protection of children, such as in the event of fire, natural disaster, or other threatening situation that may pose a health or safety hazard to the children in the child care center;
12	(ii) require the plan under item (i) of this item to include:
13	1. a designated relocation site and evacuation route;
14 15	2. procedures for notifying parents or other adults responsible for the child of the relocation;
16 17	3. procedures to address the needs of individual children, including children with special needs;
18 19	4. procedures for the reassignment of staff duties during an emergency, as appropriate; and
20 21	5. procedures for communicating with local emergency management officials or other appropriate State or local authorities; and
22 23	(iii) require a child care center to train staff and ensure that staff are familiar with the plan; and
24 25	[(11)] (10) require a child care center to have window coverings in accordance with \S 5–505 of this subtitle.
26	5–592.
27	(b) The members shall include:
28 29	(5) a pediatrician with an interest and expertise in [day] CHILD care issues, appointed by the State Superintendent;
30 31	(6) at least two family [day] CHILD care providers, appointed by the State Superintendent; and

1 2 3 4	entitled to re	(2) A member of the Council who is a user of child care services, a CHILD care provider, or a child care provider from a child care center is simbursement for expenses under the Standard State Travel Regulations, n the State budget.
5	5-594.	
6 7	(c) child care cer	"Child care provider" means a family [day] CHILD care provider or a nter.
8 9	(e) of this subtit	"Family [day] CHILD care provider" has the meaning stated in \S 5–550(d) le.
10	5-594.3.	
11	(d)	Grants made under this part shall be limited to:
12 13 14	HOMES that	(3) family [day] CHILD care homes AND LARGE FAMILY CHILD CARE serve children who receive child care subsidies through the purchase of ogram.
15	5–1308.	
16	(c)	(3) The performance reviews shall determine whether:
17 18 19		(v) the foster parent or kinship care provider is receiving all essary to meet the needs of the child, including [day] CHILD care, respite ter support services.
20	6–103.	
21	(c)	The Department of Human Resources shall:
22 23 24		(4) to the extent possible, coordinate delivery of education, health care, th care, employment services, and child [day] care services to single ublic and private agencies; and
25	14-202.	
26	(a)	The adult protective services program shall include:
27 28 29		(3) assistance to locate, apply for, and effectively use home care, [day] chore services, transportation, counseling, emergency arrangements, and and social services;

Approved: Governor.
Approved:
October 1, 2011.
SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take eff
Annotated Code shall change any reference to "family day care" to be "family clare" throughout the Annotated Code. These changes are intended by the General Assembly to be nonsubstantive changes that are consistent with the intent of this A

Speaker of the House of Delegates.