

Chapter 564

(Senate Bill 925)

AN ACT concerning

Family Law – Family Child Care – Large Family Child Care Homes

FOR the purpose of defining a ~~certain~~ *large* family child care home as a residence in which family child care is provided for a certain number of children; requiring the State Department of Education to adopt certain regulations; ~~specifying that there may not be more than a certain number of children in certain care at certain times;~~ providing that, in a large family child care home, there may not be more than a certain number of children in certain care at certain times, and there shall be a limit on the number of children under a specified age and an adult to child ratio that comply with certain regulations; making certain requirements of law that apply to family child care homes applicable to large family child care homes; repealing a certain provision of law that authorizes child care centers of a certain size; authorizing certain grants to certain child care homes under certain circumstances; requiring the Department to adopt certain regulations on or before a certain date; making certain stylistic changes; ~~defining certain terms~~ altering certain definitions; requiring the publisher of the Annotated Code to make certain changes to the Code; providing for a delayed effective date for certain provisions of this Act; and generally relating to *family child care and large* family child care homes.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Family Law

Section 4-403(b)(3), 5-501, 5-502(b)(3), and 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 ~~(d), 5-559.5(b),~~ (d), and 5-559.5(b) to be under the amended part “Part V. Family Child Care Homes and Large Family Child Care Homes”; and 5-560(e)(2), 5-561(b)(2) and (c)(5)(i), 5-564(b)(1)(ii)2., 5-570(c)(3)(iv), 5-573(b), 5-592(b)(5) and (6) and (f)(2), 5-594(c) and (e), 5-594.3(d)(3), 5-1308(c)(3)(v), and 6-103(c)(4), ~~and 14-202(a)(3)~~

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2006 Replacement Volume and 2010 Supplement)

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

Article – Family Law

4-403.

(b) In implementing the program, the Department of Human Resources shall:

(3) to the extent possible, coordinate for families with children the delivery of [day] **CHILD** care, health, educational, mental health, employment, housing, and crisis services provided by public and private agencies.

5–501.

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

(b) “Administration” means:

(1) the Social Services Administration of the Department; or

(2) any other unit within the Department to which the Secretary of Human Resources has delegated in writing specified responsibilities of the Administration under this subtitle.

(c) [Repealed.

(d) “Day] “**CHILD** care provider” means the adult who has primary responsibility for the operation of a family [day] **CHILD** care home **OR LARGE FAMILY 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.

[(h)] **(G)** “Group care” means continuous 24–hour care and supportive services provided for a minor child placed in a licensed group facility.

[(i)] **(H)** “Kinship care” means continuous 24–hour care and supportive services provided for a minor child placed by a child placement agency in the home of a relative related by blood or marriage within the 5th degree of consanguinity or affinity under the civil law rule.

(I) “LARGE FAMILY CHILD CARE HOME” MEANS A RESIDENCE IN WHICH FAMILY CHILD CARE IS PROVIDED FOR AT LEAST 9 BUT NOT MORE THAN 12 CHILDREN.

(j) (1) “License” means a license issued by the Administration under this subtitle.

(2) “License” includes:

(i) a child placement agency license;

(ii) a child care home license;

(iii) a child care institution license; and

(iv) a residential educational facility license.

(k) “Local board” means a local citizen board of review for children in out-of-home care.

(l) “Out-of-home care” means:

(1) out-of-home placement; and

(2) the monitoring of and services provided to a child in aftercare following a child’s out-of-home placement.

(m) “Out-of-home placement” means placement of a child into foster care, kinship care, group care, or residential treatment care.

(n) “Residential educational facility” means:

(1) a facility that:

(i) provides special education and related services for students with disabilities;

(ii) holds a certificate of approval issued by the State Board of Education; and

(iii) provides continuous 24-hour care and supportive services to children in a residential setting; or

(2) one of the following schools:

- (i) the Benedictine School;
- (ii) the Linwood School;
- (iii) the Maryland School for the Blind; or
- (iv) the Maryland School for the Deaf.

(o) “Residential treatment care” means continuous 24-hour care and supportive services for a minor child placed in a facility that provides formal programs of basic care, social work, and health care services.

(p) “State Board” means the State Citizens Review Board for Children.

(q) “Unregistered family [day] **CHILD** care home” means a residence in which family [day] **CHILD** care is provided and in which the [day] **CHILD** care provider:

(1) has not obtained a certificate of registration from the ~~Department~~ **STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**;

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

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

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

(r) “Voluntary placement agreement” means a binding, written agreement voluntarily entered into between a local department and the parent or legal guardian of a minor child that specifies, at a minimum, the legal status of the child and the rights and obligations of the parent or legal guardian, the child, and the local department while the child is in placement.

5-502.

(b) It is the policy of this State:

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

5-505.

(b) This section applies only to foster homes, family [day] **CHILD** care homes, **LARGE FAMILY CHILD CARE HOMES**, and child care centers in the State.

*Part V. Family [Day] **CHILD** Care Homes AND **LARGE FAMILY CHILD CARE HOMES**.*

5-550.

(c) "Direct Grant Fund" means the Family [Day] **CHILD** Care Provider Direct Grant Fund.

(d) "Family [day] **CHILD** care provider" means an individual who cares for ~~no more than eight~~ children in a registered family ~~day~~ **CHILD** care home **OR A REGISTERED LARGE FAMILY CHILD CARE HOME**.

5-550.1.

(a) The Department shall implement a system of registration for family [day] **CHILD** care homes **AND LARGE FAMILY CHILD CARE HOMES**.

(b) The purpose of registration of family [day] **CHILD** care homes **AND LARGE FAMILY CHILD CARE HOMES** is to:

(1) protect the health, safety, and welfare of children while they are in family [day] **CHILD** care;

(2) identify family [day] **CHILD** care homes **AND LARGE FAMILY CHILD CARE HOMES**;

(3) provide basic technical assistance and child care information to [day] **CHILD** care providers; and

(4) minimize the regulatory rigidity often associated with licensing.

(c) The system of registration is intended to promote a high degree of flexibility in the regulation of family [day] **CHILD** care homes **AND LARGE FAMILY CHILD CARE HOMES** while assuring the health and safety of children who are cared for in family [day] **CHILD** care homes **AND LARGE FAMILY CHILD CARE HOMES**.

5-551.

(a) The Department shall adopt regulations that relate to the registration of family [day] **CHILD** care homes **AND LARGE FAMILY CHILD CARE HOMES**.

(b) So far as practicable, the regulations shall be uniform with the rules and regulations adopted by other State agencies as those rules and regulations relate to other types of [day] **CHILD** care.

(c) At a minimum, the regulations of the Department shall provide for:

(1) minimum standards of environmental health and safety, including provisions for:

(i) adequate and safe physical surroundings, including requirements for window coverings in accordance with § 5–505 of this subtitle;

(ii) the physical and mental health of [day] **CHILD** care providers; and

(iii) investigation of any criminal record of a [day] **CHILD** care provider;

(2) a thorough evaluation of each prospective family [day] **CHILD** care home, *LARGE FAMILY CHILD CARE HOME*, and [day] **CHILD** care provider, to be completed before the Department accepts an initial registration;

(3) an initial family [day] **CHILD** care registration that expires 2 years after its effective date;

(4) a continuing family [day] **CHILD** care registration that:

(i) upon application by the [day] **CHILD** care provider that meets the requirements set by the Department, is issued to the provider before the end of the initial registration period; and

(ii) once issued, remains in effect until surrendered, suspended, revoked, or replaced by a conditional registration;

(5) reporting of any changed circumstances that relate to the requirements, by the [day] **CHILD** care provider, at the time the change occurs;

(6) an orientation to be provided to prospective [day] **CHILD** care providers by the Department before initial registration;

(7) announced inspection by the Department of each registered family [day] **CHILD** care home *AND LARGE FAMILY CHILD CARE HOME* prior to issuance of an initial or continuing registration to determine whether applicable requirements are being met;

(8) unannounced inspection by the Department of each registered family [day] **CHILD** care home **AND LARGE FAMILY CHILD CARE HOME** at least once during each 12-month period that an initial or continuing registration is in effect to determine whether safe and appropriate 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 **OR LARGE FAMILY CHILD CARE HOME**;

(10) a requirement that a person who advertises a family [day] **CHILD** care home, **LARGE FAMILY CHILD CARE HOME**, or family [day] **CHILD** care service shall:

(i) indicate in the advertisement that the family [day] **CHILD** care home **OR LARGE FAMILY CHILD CARE HOME** is registered; and

(ii) display in the advertisement the registration number issued to the family [day] **CHILD** care home, **LARGE FAMILY CHILD CARE HOME**, or family ~~day~~ **CHILD** care service by the Department;

(11) a requirement that each registered [day] **CHILD** care provider shall hold a current certificate indicating successful completion of approved:

(i) basic first aid training through the American Red Cross or through a program with equivalent standards; and

(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 **OR LARGE FAMILY CHILD CARE HOME**; and

(12) (i) a requirement that a family [day] **CHILD** care home **OR LARGE FAMILY CHILD CARE HOME** that receives notice of a contaminated drinking water supply from the family [day] **CHILD** care home's **OR LARGE FAMILY 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 **OR LARGE FAMILY CHILD CARE HOME**; and

(ii) a requirement that the notice sent by the family [day] **CHILD** care home **OR LARGE FAMILY CHILD CARE HOME** shall:

1. be sent within 10 business days after receipt of the notice of contamination from the family [day] **CHILD** care home's **OR LARGE FAMILY CHILD CARE HOME'S** water supplier;

2. be in writing;
3. identify the contaminants and their levels in the family [day] **CHILD** care home's **OR LARGE FAMILY CHILD CARE HOME'S** water supply; and
4. describe the family [day] **CHILD** care home's **OR LARGE FAMILY CHILD CARE HOME'S** plan for dealing with the water contamination problem until the family [day] **CHILD** care home's **OR LARGE FAMILY CHILD CARE HOME'S** water is determined by the appropriate authority to be safe for consumption.

(d) The Department shall adopt regulations that:

(1) require a family [day] **CHILD** care provider 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 family [day] **CHILD** care home **OR LARGE FAMILY CHILD CARE HOME;**

(2) require the plan under item (1) of this subsection to include:

- (i) a designated relocation site and evacuation route;
- (ii) procedures for notifying parents or other adults responsible for the child of the relocation;
- (iii) procedures to address the needs of individual children including children with special needs;
- (iv) procedures for the reassignment of staff duties during an emergency, as appropriate; and
- (v) procedures for communicating with local emergency management officials or other appropriate State or local authorities; and

(3) require a family [day] **CHILD** care provider to train staff and ensure that staff are familiar with the plan.

5-552.

(a) Except as otherwise provided in this section, a family [day] **CHILD** care home **OR LARGE FAMILY CHILD CARE HOME** may not operate unless it is registered.

(b) A family [day] CHILD care home is not required to be registered if the [day] CHILD care provider:

(1) is related to each child by blood or marriage;

(2) is a friend of each child's parents or legal guardian and the care is provided on an occasional basis; or

(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.

(c) A person may not advertise a family [day] CHILD care home, LARGE FAMILY CHILD CARE HOME, or family [day] CHILD care service unless the family [day] CHILD care home OR LARGE FAMILY CHILD CARE HOME is registered under the provisions of this Part V of this subtitle.

(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.

5-553.

(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.

~~(b) (1) At any given time, a [day] CHILD care provider:~~

~~(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~~

~~(II) IN A LARGE FAMILY CHILD CARE HOME, MAY NOT CARE FOR MORE THAN 12 CHILDREN.~~

~~(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.~~

(B) (1) IN A FAMILY CHILD CARE HOME:

(I) THERE MAY NOT BE MORE THAN:

1. 8 CHILDREN IN CARE AT ANY GIVEN TIME; AND

2. 4 CHILDREN UNDER THE AGE OF 2 YEARS; AND

(II) THERE SHALL BE AN ADULT TO CHILD RATIO OF AT LEAST 1 ADULT TO EVERY 2 CHILDREN UNDER THE AGE OF 2 YEARS.

(2) IN A LARGE FAMILY CHILD CARE HOME:

(I) THERE MAY NOT BE MORE THAN 12 CHILDREN IN CARE AT ANY GIVEN TIME; AND

(II) THERE SHALL BE A LIMIT ON THE NUMBER OF CHILDREN UNDER THE AGE OF 2 YEARS AND AN ADULT TO CHILD RATIO THAT ~~COMPLIES~~ COMPLY WITH REGULATIONS ADOPTED BY THE DEPARTMENT UNDER § 5-551 OF THIS PART V OF THIS SUBTITLE.

(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 **OR LARGE FAMILY CHILD CARE HOME**, the Department may decrease the number of children permitted to be in care at that family [day] CHILD care home **OR LARGE FAMILY CHILD CARE HOME**.

5-554.

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

5-554.1.

(a) The State Superintendent or other authorized official or employee of the 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.

(c) A judge of a District Court or circuit court in the jurisdiction in which the unregistered family [day] CHILD care home is located may issue an administrative search warrant on finding that:

(1) the Department has reasonably sought and been denied access to an unregistered family [day] CHILD care home for the purpose of making an inspection;

(2) the requirements of subsection (b) of this section are met;

(3) the official or employee of the Department is authorized or required by law to make an inspection of the unregistered family [day] **CHILD** care home for which the warrant is sought; and

(4) the Department has shown probable cause for the issuance of the warrant by specific evidence:

(i) of an existing violation of § 5–552 of this subtitle; and

(ii) that the health, safety, and welfare of the children in the unregistered family [day] **CHILD** care home are substantially threatened due to conditions in the UNREGISTERED 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 AND LARGE FAMILY CHILD CARE HOMES.

5–555.

(a) The Department shall prepare and, as needed, update an informational pamphlet for parents of children in family [day] **CHILD** care.

(b) The pamphlet shall contain:

(1) an outline of family [day] **CHILD** care regulations;

(c) The Department shall make the pamphlet available to [day] **CHILD** care providers for distribution to parents.

5–556.

(a) In addition to any other provision of law relating to child abuse and 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 OR LARGE FAMILY CHILD CARE HOME shall notify the State Superintendent's designee within 48 hours.

(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 OR LARGE FAMILY CHILD CARE HOME.

5-556.1.

Within 30 days after a child under the age of 6 years enters care in a family [day] **CHILD** care home *OR LARGE FAMILY CHILD CARE HOME*, a parent or guardian of the child shall provide to the family [day] **CHILD** care home *OR LARGE FAMILY 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.

5-559.1.

(a) There is a Family [Day] **CHILD** Care Provider Direct Grant Fund administered by the Department.

(b) To administer grants to family [day] **CHILD** care providers, the Department may contract with State agencies and nonprofit organizations.

5-559.2.

(b) A grant made under this subtitle shall be awarded as a reimbursement for the expenses incurred by a family [day] **CHILD** care provider to comply with State and local regulations.

5-559.3.

(b) The Direct Grant Fund shall be used to:

(2) make grants to family [day] **CHILD** care providers.

(d) The amount of State general funds expended for grants to family [day] **CHILD** care providers from the Direct Grant Fund may not exceed \$50,000 in each year.

5-559.5.

(b) The application shall include:

(1) the identity and location of the family [day] **CHILD** care provider;

(2) an itemization of known and estimated costs;

(3) the total amount of funds required by the family [day] **CHILD** care provider to comply with State and local regulations;

- (4) the funds available to the applicant without financial assistance from the Department;
- (5) the amount of financial assistance sought from the Department;
- (6) a statement from the family [day] CHILD care provider on how the grant funds will be used;
- (7) information that relates to the family income of the grant applicant; and
- (8) any other relevant information that the Department requests.

5-560.

(e) (2) For purposes of §§ 5-561(g), 5-564(a)(2)(i) and (c)(1)(i) and (2), and 5-567 of this subtitle, “employer” includes a child care resource and referral center, an association of registered family [day] CHILD care providers, and an association of licensed child care centers to the extent that the center or association establishes and maintains a pool of individuals who are qualified to work as substitute or temporary employees in a facility identified in § 5-561(b)(1) or (2) of this subtitle.

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:

(2) a family [day] CHILD care home *OR LARGE FAMILY CHILD CARE HOME* required to be registered under Part V of this subtitle;

(c) The following individuals shall obtain a criminal history records check under this Part VI of this subtitle:

(5) any adult known by a local department to be residing in:

(i) a family [day] CHILD care home *OR LARGE FAMILY CHILD CARE HOME* required to be registered under this title;

5-564.

(b) (1) The Department shall provide an initial and a revised statement of the applicant’s State criminal record to:

(ii) the State Department of Education if the applicant is an employee of:

2. a family [day] **CHILD** care home *OR LARGE FAMILY CHILD CARE HOME* that is required to be registered under Part V of this subtitle.

5–570.

(c) (3) “Child care center” does not include:

(iv) a family [day] **CHILD** care home *OR LARGE FAMILY CHILD CARE HOME* that is required to be registered or is registered under this subtitle.

5–573.

(b) These rules and regulations shall:

- (1) ensure safe and sanitary conditions in child care centers;
- (2) ensure proper care, protection, and supervision of children in child care centers;
- (3) ensure the health of children in child care centers by:
 - (i) monitoring children for signs and symptoms of child abuse;
 - (ii) instructing licensees and staff concerning child abuse detection and reporting;
 - (iii) monitoring health practices to help prevent the spread of disease; and
 - (iv) monitoring the care of infants and children with special needs;
- (4) promote the sound growth and development of children in child care centers;
- (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;
- (6)] carry out otherwise the purposes and requirements of this Part VII of this subtitle, including imposition of intermediate sanctions to ensure compliance;

[(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;

[(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:

1. basic first aid training through the American Red Cross or through a program with equivalent standards; and

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

(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;

[(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

(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;

2. be in writing;

3. identify the contaminants and their levels in the center's water supply; and

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;

[(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;

(ii) require the plan under item (i) of this item to include:

1. a designated relocation site and evacuation route;
2. procedures for notifying parents or other adults responsible for the child of the relocation;
3. procedures to address the needs of individual children, including children with special needs;
4. procedures for the reassignment of staff duties during an emergency, as appropriate; and
5. procedures for communicating with local emergency management officials or other appropriate State or local authorities; and

(iii) require a child care center to train staff and ensure that staff are familiar with the plan; and

~~[(11)]~~ **(10)** require a child care center to have window coverings in accordance with § 5–505 of this subtitle.

5–592.

(b) The members shall include:

(5) a pediatrician with an interest and expertise in **[day] CHILD** care issues, appointed by the State Superintendent;

(6) at least two family **[day] CHILD** care providers, appointed by the State Superintendent; and

(f) (2) A member of the Council who is a user of child care services, a family **[day] CHILD** care provider, or a child care provider from a child care center is entitled to reimbursement for expenses under the Standard State Travel Regulations, as provided in the State budget.

5–594.

(c) “Child care provider” means a family **[day] CHILD** care provider or a child care center.

(e) “Family **[day] CHILD** care provider” has the meaning stated in § 5–550(d) of this subtitle.

5-594.3.

(d) Grants made under this part shall be limited to:

(3) family [day] **CHILD** care homes AND LARGE FAMILY CHILD CARE HOMES that serve children who receive child care subsidies through the purchase of child care program.

5-1308.

(c) (3) The performance reviews shall determine whether:

(v) the foster parent or kinship care provider is receiving all services necessary to meet the needs of the child, including [day] **CHILD** care, respite care, and other support services.

6-103.

(c) The Department of Human Resources shall:

(4) to the extent possible, coordinate delivery of education, health care, mental health care, employment services, and child [day] care services to single parents by public and private agencies; and

~~14-202.~~

~~(a) The adult protective services program shall include:~~

~~(3) assistance to locate, apply for, and effectively use home care, [day] **CHILD** care, chore services, transportation, counseling, emergency arrangements, and other health and social services;~~

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, on or before January 1, 2012, the State Department of Education shall adopt regulations that relate to the registration of large family child care homes, as required under § 5-551(a) of the Family Law Article, as enacted by Section 1 of this Act.

SECTION ~~2.~~ 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the publisher of the Annotated Code, in consultation with and subject to the approval of the Department of Legislative Services, shall change any ~~reference~~ references to “family day care” to be “family child care”, “family day care home” to be “family child care home”, and “day care provider” to be “child care provider”, throughout the Annotated Code. These changes are intended by the General Assembly to be nonsubstantive changes that are consistent with the intent of this Act.

SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Sections 1 and 3 of this Act shall take effect January 1, 2012.

SECTION ~~4~~ 5. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, except as provided in Section 4 of this Act, this Act shall take effect ~~October~~ July 1, 2011.

Approved by the Governor, May 19, 2011.