

# HOUSE BILL 664

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Assigned to: Ways and Means

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Child Care Programs – Maryland Infants and Toddlers Program – Information**  
3 **and Assistance**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring a child care program to provide certain information and  
5 assistance to parents or guardians regarding the Maryland Infants and Toddlers  
6 Program; and generally relating to child care programs providing information and  
7 assistance regarding the Maryland Infants and Toddlers Program.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

9 Article – Education

10 Section 9.5–301(a), (e), and (g) and 9.5–401(a) and (c)

11 Annotated Code of Maryland

12 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

13 BY adding to

14 Article – Education

15 Section 9.5–310.1

16 Annotated Code of Maryland

17 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

18 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,

19 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

20 **Article – Education**

21 9.5–301.

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

23 (e) “Family child care home” means a residence in which family child care is  
24 provided for up to eight children.

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (g) "Large family child care home" means a residence in which family child care  
2 is provided for at least nine children, but not more than 12 children.

3 **9.5-310.1.**

4 (A) IN THIS SECTION, "CHILD CARE PROGRAM" INCLUDES:

5 (1) A CHILD CARE CENTER, AS DEFINED IN § 9.5-401 OF THIS TITLE;

6 (2) A FAMILY CHILD CARE HOME, AS DEFINED IN § 9.5-301 OF THIS  
7 SUBTITLE; AND

8 (3) A LARGE FAMILY CHILD CARE HOME, AS DEFINED IN § 9.5-301 OF  
9 THIS SUBTITLE.

10 (B) (1) BEGINNING JULY 1, 2023, AT LEAST ONCE EACH CALENDAR YEAR  
11 A CHILD CARE PROGRAM SHALL MAKE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION AVAILABLE  
12 TO THE PARENT OR GUARDIAN OF EACH CHILD UNDER THE AGE OF 3 YEARS:

13 (I) INFORMATION ABOUT THE MARYLAND INFANTS AND  
14 TODDLERS PROGRAM; AND

15 (II) CONTACT INFORMATION FOR THE LOCAL LEAD AGENCY  
16 RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE MARYLAND INFANTS AND  
17 TODDLERS PROGRAM.

18 (2) A CHILD CARE PROGRAM MAY PROVIDE THE INFORMATION  
19 REQUIRED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION BY:

20 (I) A PERSONAL MESSAGE TO A PARENT OR GUARDIAN,  
21 INCLUDING BY AN E-MAIL;

22 (II) A DOCUMENT FOR WHICH A PARENT OR GUARDIAN  
23 ACKNOWLEDGES RECEIPT; OR

24 (III) A TEXT MESSAGE.

25 (C) ON REQUEST OF A PARENT OR GUARDIAN, A CHILD CARE PROGRAM  
26 SHALL ASSIST THE PARENT OR GUARDIAN WITH SCHEDULING A TIME AND  
27 CONVENIENT LOCATION FOR THE LOCAL LEAD AGENCY RESPONSIBLE FOR  
28 ADMINISTERING THE MARYLAND INFANTS AND TODDLERS PROGRAM TO PROVIDE  
29 THE APPROPRIATE SCREENING.

1 9.5–401.

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

3 (c) (1) “Child care center” means an agency, institution, or establishment that,  
4 for part or all of a day, or on a 24–hour basis on a regular schedule, and at least twice a  
5 week, offers or provides child care to children who do not have the same parentage except  
6 as otherwise provided for in law or regulation.

7 (2) “Child care center” shall include a nonpublic nursery school in which  
8 an instructional program is offered or provided for children who are under the age of 5  
9 years.

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

11 (i) A nonpublic kindergarten in which an instructional program is  
12 offered or provided for children who are at least 5 years old;

13 (ii) A nonpublic elementary school in which an instructional  
14 program is offered or provided for children who are in grades 1 through 8;

15 (iii) A child care home, a child care institution, or other child care  
16 facility that offers or provides a residential placement for a child and is established,  
17 licensed, or registered under this title, Title 9 of the Human Services Article, or Title 10 of  
18 the Health – General Article; or

19 (iv) A family child care home or large family child care home that is  
20 required to be registered or is registered under this title.

21 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July  
22 1, 2022.