

# HOUSE BILL 838

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By: **Prince George's County Delegation**

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Assigned to: Ways and Means

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Prince George's County Family Child Care Home Expansion Grant Program –**  
3 **Establishment**

4 **PG 505–24**

5 FOR the purpose of establishing the Prince George's County Family Child Care Home  
6 Expansion Grant Program in the Division of Early Childhood Education in the State  
7 Department of Education; requiring the Governor to include in the annual budget  
8 bill a certain appropriation to the Program; and generally relating to the Prince  
9 George's County Family Child Care Home Expansion Grant Program.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
11 Article – Education  
12 Section 9.5–101(a), (d), and (e) and 9.5–301(a), (b), (d), (e), (f), and (g)  
13 Annotated Code of Maryland  
14 (2022 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

15 BY adding to  
16 Article – Education  
17 Section 9.5–117  
18 Annotated Code of Maryland  
19 (2022 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

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

22 **Article – Education**

23 9.5–101.

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

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (d) “Family child care home” has the meaning stated in § 9.5–301 of this title.

2 (e) “Large family child care home” has the meaning stated in § 9.5–301 of this  
3 title.

4 **9.5–117.**

5 (A) **THIS SECTION APPLIES ONLY IN PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY.**

6 (B) (1) **IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS**  
7 **INDICATED.**

8 (2) **“DIVISION” MEANS THE DIVISION OF EARLY CHILDHOOD**  
9 **DEVELOPMENT IN THE DEPARTMENT.**

10 (3) **“FAMILY CHILD CARE PROVIDER” HAS THE MEANING STATED IN §**  
11 **9.5–301 OF THIS TITLE.**

12 (4) **“PROGRAM” MEANS THE PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY FAMILY**  
13 **CHILD CARE HOME EXPANSION GRANT PROGRAM.**

14 (C) (1) **THERE IS A PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY FAMILY CHILD CARE**  
15 **HOME EXPANSION GRANT PROGRAM.**

16 (2) **THE PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAM IS TO INCREASE THE NUMBER**  
17 **OF REGISTERED FAMILY CHILD CARE PROVIDERS, REGISTERED FAMILY CHILD CARE**  
18 **HOMES, AND REGISTERED LARGE FAMILY CHILD CARE HOMES IN LOW-INCOME**  
19 **COMMUNITIES IN PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY.**

20 (3) **THE DIVISION SHALL ADMINISTER THE PROGRAM.**

21 (D) (1) **TO CARRY OUT THE PROGRAM, THE DIVISION SHALL AWARD**  
22 **GRANTS TO NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS IN PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY TO**  
23 **PROVIDE TRAINING AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO INDIVIDUALS INTENDING TO**  
24 **BECOME FAMILY CHILD CARE PROVIDERS THAT OPERATE FAMILY CHILD CARE**  
25 **HOMES AND LARGE FAMILY CHILD CARE HOMES IN LOW-INCOME COMMUNITIES.**

26 (2) **TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR A GRANT UNDER THIS SECTION, AN**  
27 **APPLICANT SHALL DEMONSTRATE IN AN APPLICATION PROCESS DEVELOPED BY**  
28 **THE DIVISION THAT THE APPLICANT:**

29 (I) **IS A NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION WITH EXPERIENCE IN**  
30 **PROVIDING CHILD CARE SUPPORT SERVICES TO INDIVIDUALS, WHICH INCLUDES**

1 OFFERING TRAINING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO BECOME A REGISTERED  
2 FAMILY CHILD CARE PROVIDER; AND

3 (II) WILL PROVIDE CHILD CARE SUPPORT SERVICES TO  
4 INDIVIDUALS WHO:

5 1. INTEND ON BECOMING REGISTERED FAMILY CHILD  
6 CARE PROVIDERS THAT WILL OPERATE REGISTERED FAMILY CHILD CARE HOMES OR  
7 REGISTERED LARGE FAMILY CHILD CARE HOMES;

8 2. LIVE IN A LOW-INCOME COMMUNITY IN PRINCE  
9 GEORGE'S COUNTY, AS DETERMINED BY THE DIVISION;

10 3. HAVE A GROSS HOUSEHOLD INCOME THAT DOES NOT  
11 EXCEED 50% OF THE STATEWIDE MEDIAN INCOME FOR A HOUSEHOLD OF LIKE SIZE;  
12 AND

13 4. OWN OR RENT AS THEIR PRIMARY RESIDENCE THE  
14 DWELLING THAT WILL BE USED AS THE FAMILY CHILD CARE HOME OR LARGE  
15 FAMILY CHILD CARE HOME.

16 (E) A GRANT AWARDED UNDER THIS SECTION MAY BE USED TO OFFER  
17 SERVICES TO INDIVIDUALS DESCRIBED UNDER SUBSECTION (D)(2)(II) OF THIS  
18 SECTION BY:

19 (1) PROVIDING MULTILINGUAL OUTREACH AND TRANSLATION  
20 SERVICES TO RECRUIT AND TRAIN INDIVIDUALS TO BECOME REGISTERED FAMILY  
21 CHILD CARE PROVIDERS;

22 (2) PROVIDING TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND START-UP ASSISTANCE  
23 FOR RECRUITED INDIVIDUALS AS THEY NAVIGATE THE DEPARTMENT'S PROCESS TO  
24 BECOME A REGISTERED FAMILY CHILD CARE PROVIDER, WHICH INCLUDES  
25 ASSISTANCE IN MEETING BUILDING CODE REQUIREMENTS AND INSPECTION  
26 EXPENSES TO ESTABLISH REGISTERED FAMILY CHILD CARE HOMES AND  
27 REGISTERED LARGE FAMILY CHILD CARE HOMES;

28 (3) ASSISTING NEWLY REGISTERED AND ESTABLISHED FAMILY CHILD  
29 CARE PROVIDERS THROUGH TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO ACHIEVE QUALITY  
30 BENCHMARKS; AND

31 (4) ASSISTING INDIVIDUALS WITH OBTAINING BACKGROUND CHECKS  
32 TO BECOME REGISTERED FAMILY CHILD CARE PROVIDERS.

1           **(F) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026 AND EACH FISCAL YEAR THEREAFTER, THE**  
2 **GOVERNOR SHALL INCLUDE IN THE ANNUAL BUDGET BILL AN APPROPRIATION OF**  
3 **\$500,000 TO THE PROGRAM.**

4 9.5–301.

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

6           (b) “Child care provider” means the adult who has primary responsibility for the  
7 operation of a family child care home or a large family child care home.

8           (d) “Family child care” means the care given to a child under the age of 13 years  
9 or to any developmentally disabled person under the age of 21 years, in place of parental  
10 care for less than 24 hours a day, in a residence other than the child’s residence, for which  
11 the child care provider is paid.

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

14           (f) “Family child care provider” means an individual who cares for children in a  
15 registered family child care home or a registered large family child care home.

16           (g) “Large family child care home” means a residence in which family child care  
17 is provided for at least nine children, but not more than 12 children.

18           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
19 October 1, 2024.