

HOUSE BILL 838

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

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CHAPTER _____

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~~ Prince George's County public school system; ~~requiring the~~
8 ~~Governor to include in the annual budget bill a certain appropriation to the Program;~~
9 and generally relating to the Prince George's County Family Child Care Home
10 Expansion Grant Program.

11 BY adding to

12 Article – Education

13 Section 4–142

14 Annotated Code of Maryland

15 (2022 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

16 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

17 Article – Education

18 Section ~~9.5–101(a), (d), and (e) and~~ 9.5–301(a), (b), (d), (e), (f), and (g)

19 Annotated Code of Maryland

20 (2022 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

21 ~~BY adding to~~

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

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



1 ~~Article – Education~~
 2 ~~Section 9.5–117~~
 3 ~~Annotated Code of Maryland~~
 4 ~~(2022 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)~~

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

7 **Article – Education**

8 ~~9.5–101.~~

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

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

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

13 ~~9.5–117.~~ 4–142.

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

15 (B) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS
 16 INDICATED.

17 ~~(2) “DIVISION” MEANS THE DIVISION OF EARLY CHILDHOOD~~
 18 ~~DEVELOPMENT IN THE DEPARTMENT.~~

19 ~~(3)~~ (2) “FAMILY CHILD CARE PROVIDER” HAS THE MEANING
 20 STATED IN § 9.5–301 OF THIS ~~TITLE~~ ARTICLE.

21 ~~(4)~~ (3) “PROGRAM” MEANS THE PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY
 22 FAMILY CHILD CARE HOME EXPANSION GRANT PROGRAM.

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

25 (2) THE PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAM IS TO INCREASE THE NUMBER
 26 OF REGISTERED FAMILY CHILD CARE PROVIDERS, REGISTERED FAMILY CHILD CARE
 27 HOMES, AND REGISTERED LARGE FAMILY CHILD CARE HOMES IN LOW-INCOME
 28 COMMUNITIES IN PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY.

29 (3) THE ~~DIVISION~~ PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOL
 30 SYSTEM SHALL ADMINISTER THE PROGRAM.

1 (D) (1) TO CARRY OUT THE PROGRAM, THE ~~DIVISION~~ LOCAL SCHOOL
2 SYSTEM SHALL AWARD GRANTS TO NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS IN ~~PRINCE~~
3 ~~GEORGE'S COUNTY~~ THE COUNTY TO PROVIDE TRAINING AND FINANCIAL
4 ASSISTANCE TO INDIVIDUALS INTENDING TO BECOME FAMILY CHILD CARE
5 PROVIDERS THAT OPERATE FAMILY CHILD CARE HOMES AND LARGE FAMILY CHILD
6 CARE HOMES IN LOW-INCOME COMMUNITIES.

7 (2) TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR A GRANT UNDER THIS SECTION, AN
8 APPLICANT SHALL DEMONSTRATE IN AN APPLICATION PROCESS DEVELOPED BY
9 THE ~~DIVISION~~ LOCAL SCHOOL SYSTEM THAT THE APPLICANT:

10 (I) IS A NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION WITH EXPERIENCE IN
11 PROVIDING CHILD CARE SUPPORT SERVICES TO INDIVIDUALS, WHICH INCLUDES
12 OFFERING TRAINING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO BECOME A REGISTERED
13 FAMILY CHILD CARE PROVIDER; AND

14 (II) WILL PROVIDE CHILD CARE SUPPORT SERVICES TO
15 INDIVIDUALS WHO:

16 1. INTEND ON BECOMING REGISTERED FAMILY CHILD
17 CARE PROVIDERS THAT WILL OPERATE REGISTERED FAMILY CHILD CARE HOMES OR
18 REGISTERED LARGE FAMILY CHILD CARE HOMES;

19 2. LIVE IN A LOW-INCOME COMMUNITY IN ~~PRINCE~~
20 ~~GEORGE'S COUNTY~~ THE COUNTY, AS DETERMINED BY THE ~~DIVISION~~ LOCAL SCHOOL
21 SYSTEM;

22 3. HAVE A GROSS HOUSEHOLD INCOME THAT DOES NOT
23 EXCEED 50% OF THE STATEWIDE MEDIAN INCOME FOR A HOUSEHOLD OF LIKE SIZE;
24 AND

25 4. OWN OR RENT AS THEIR PRIMARY RESIDENCE THE
26 DWELLING THAT WILL BE USED AS THE FAMILY CHILD CARE HOME OR LARGE
27 FAMILY CHILD CARE HOME.

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

31 (1) PROVIDING MULTILINGUAL OUTREACH AND TRANSLATION
32 SERVICES TO RECRUIT AND TRAIN INDIVIDUALS TO BECOME REGISTERED FAMILY
33 CHILD CARE PROVIDERS;

1 **(2) PROVIDING TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND START-UP ASSISTANCE**
2 **FOR RECRUITED INDIVIDUALS AS THEY NAVIGATE THE DEPARTMENT'S PROCESS TO**
3 **BECOME A REGISTERED FAMILY CHILD CARE PROVIDER, WHICH INCLUDES**
4 **ASSISTANCE IN MEETING BUILDING CODE REQUIREMENTS AND INSPECTION**
5 **EXPENSES TO ESTABLISH REGISTERED FAMILY CHILD CARE HOMES AND**
6 **REGISTERED LARGE FAMILY CHILD CARE HOMES;**

7 **(3) ASSISTING NEWLY REGISTERED AND ESTABLISHED FAMILY CHILD**
8 **CARE PROVIDERS THROUGH TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO ACHIEVE QUALITY**
9 **BENCHMARKS; AND**

10 **(4) ASSISTING INDIVIDUALS WITH OBTAINING BACKGROUND CHECKS**
11 **TO BECOME REGISTERED FAMILY CHILD CARE PROVIDERS.**

12 ~~**(F) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026 AND EACH FISCAL YEAR THEREAFTER, THE**~~
13 ~~**GOVERNOR SHALL INCLUDE IN THE ANNUAL BUDGET BILL AN APPROPRIATION OF**~~
14 ~~**\$500,000 TO THE PROGRAM.**~~

15 9.5-301.

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

17 (b) "Child care provider" means the adult who has primary responsibility for the
18 operation of a family child care home or a large family child care home.

19 (d) "Family child care" means the care given to a child under the age of 13 years
20 or to any developmentally disabled person under the age of 21 years, in place of parental
21 care for less than 24 hours a day, in a residence other than the child's residence, for which
22 the child care provider is paid.

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

25 (f) "Family child care provider" means an individual who cares for children in a
26 registered family child care home or a registered large family child care home.

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

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