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House Bill 662

(Delegate Guyton, *et al.*)

Ways and Means

Education, Energy, and the Environment

Large Family Child Care Homes and Child Care Centers - Child Care Teachers -
Minimum Age

This bill requires that regulations governing the registration and operation of large family child care homes and the licensing and operation of child care centers require that child care teachers be a minimum of age 18.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: The Maryland State Department of Education can implement the bill's requirements with existing resources. Revenues are not affected.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: Potential meaningful.

Analysis

Current Law: State regulations require a child care teacher to be at least age 19.

Subject to limited exception, large family child care homes and child care centers may not operate in the State unless they are registered/licensed. The State Board of Education is required to adopt regulations that relate to the registration of large family child care homes and the licensing and operation of child care centers. A large family child care home is a residence in which family child care is provided for at least 9 children, but not more than 12 children. A child care center is an agency, institution, or establishment that, for part or all of a day, or on a 24-hour basis on a regular schedule, and at least twice a week, offers

or provides child care to children who do not have the same parentage except as otherwise provided for in law or regulation.

Small Business Effect: The bill may benefit large family child care homes and child care centers, as more individuals (*i.e.*, applicants who are age 18) may be considered as child care teachers.

Additional Information

Recent Prior Introductions: Similar legislation has not been introduced within the last three years.

Designated Cross File: None.

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