

Chapter 376

(House Bill 1122)

AN ACT concerning

Office of Child Care Advisory Council – Membership – Alterations

FOR the purpose of increasing the maximum number of members of the Office of Child Care Advisory Council; adding a representative of the Maryland Association of Public Library Administrators to the membership of the Council; and generally relating to the membership of the Office of Child Care Advisory Council.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Education
Section 9.5–802
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2022 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Education
Section 9.5–803(a) and (b)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2022 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

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

Article – Education

9.5–802.

There is an Office of Child Care Advisory Council.

9.5–803.

(a) (1) The Council consists of at least 25 members, but no more than [30] 31 members.

(2) In appointing members to the Council, the State Superintendent shall, to the extent possible, appoint members representing geographically diverse jurisdictions across the State.

(b) The members shall include:

(1) 1 member of the Senate of Maryland appointed by the President of the Senate;

(2) 1 member of the Maryland House of Delegates appointed by the Speaker of the House;

(3) At least 1 representative, appointed by the Secretary, from:

- (i) The Maryland Department of Health;
- (ii) The Head Start Program;
- (iii) The Department;
- (iv) The Office of the State Fire Marshal;
- (v) A local government;
- (vi) A child care advocacy organization;
- (vii) An independent school, which may include a religious, nonsectarian, or nursery school;
- (viii) A child care resource and referral agency;
- (ix) The Department of the Environment;
- (x) A community college with an early childhood education program;
- (xi) The Maryland Association of Social Services Directors; [and]
- (xii) A professional organization concerned with the quality of early childhood programs; **AND**

(XIII) THE MARYLAND ASSOCIATION OF PUBLIC LIBRARY ADMINISTRATORS;

(4) At least 1 representative, appointed by the State Superintendent, who is:

- (i) A local fire official who has responsibility for the enforcement or administration of fire codes;
- (ii) A user of child care services; and
- (iii) A business person;

(5) A pediatrician with an interest and expertise in child care issues, appointed by the State Superintendent;

(6) At least two family child care providers, appointed by the State Superintendent; and

(7) At least two child care providers from child care centers, appointed by the State Superintendent.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2025.

Approved by the Governor, May 6, 2025.