

HOUSE BILL 809

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Assigned to: Appropriations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Out-of-Home Placement Providers – Maximum Number of Children**
3 **– Exemption**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the Department of Human Services to adopt regulations
5 setting the maximum number of children that may be placed with an out-of-home
6 placement provider; establishing an exemption from the limitation on the number of
7 children that may be placed with an out-of-home placement provider under certain
8 circumstances; and generally relating to the placement of children in out-of-home
9 care.

10 BY adding to
11 Article – Family Law
12 Section 5–525.3
13 Annotated Code of Maryland
14 (2019 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

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

17 **Article – Family Law**

18 **5–525.3.**

19 **(A) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION, THE**
20 **DEPARTMENT SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS SETTING THE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF**
21 **CHILDREN THAT MAY BE PLACED WITH AN OUT-OF-HOME PLACEMENT PROVIDER.**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **(B) THE LIMITATION ON THE NUMBER OF CHILDREN PLACED WITH AN**
2 **OUT-OF-HOME PLACEMENT PROVIDER IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUBSECTION (A) OF**
3 **THIS SECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO A CHILD ENROLLED IN AN ACCREDITED**
4 **INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION:**

5 **(1) WHO IS UNABLE TO REMAIN ON THE INSTITUTION'S CAMPUS DUE**
6 **TO A SCHEDULED BREAK, A TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF THE INSTITUTION, OR A**
7 **TEMPORARY LEAVE OF ABSENCE; AND**

8 **(2) WHOSE LIVING ARRANGEMENT IN THE HOME IS MUTUALLY**
9 **AGREED TO BY THE CHILD, THE OUT-OF-HOME PLACEMENT PROVIDER, AND THE**
10 **PROVIDER AGENCY.**

11 **SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July**
12 **1, 2025.**