

HOUSE BILL 1122

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By: **Delegate Feldmark**

Introduced and read first time: February 5, 2025

Assigned to: Ways and Means

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Office of Child Care Advisory Council – Membership – Alterations**

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

7 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
8 Article – Education
9 Section 9.5–802
10 Annotated Code of Maryland
11 (2022 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

12 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
13 Article – Education
14 Section 9.5–803(a) and (b)
15 Annotated Code of Maryland
16 (2022 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

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

19 **Article – Education**

20 9.5–802.

21 There is an Office of Child Care Advisory Council.

22 9.5–803.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



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

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

6 (b) The members shall include:

7 (1) 1 member of the Senate of Maryland appointed by the President of the
8 Senate;

9 (2) 1 member of the Maryland House of Delegates appointed by the
10 Speaker of the House;

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

12 (i) The Maryland Department of Health;

13 (ii) The Head Start Program;

14 (iii) The Department;

15 (iv) The Office of the State Fire Marshal;

16 (v) A local government;

17 (vi) A child care advocacy organization;

18 (vii) An independent school, which may include a religious,
19 nonsectarian, or nursery school;

20 (viii) A child care resource and referral agency;

21 (ix) The Department of the Environment;

22 (x) A community college with an early childhood education program;

23 (xi) The Maryland Association of Social Services Directors; [and]

24 (xii) A professional organization concerned with the quality of early
25 childhood programs; **AND**

26 **(XIII) THE MARYLAND ASSOCIATION OF PUBLIC LIBRARY**
27 **ADMINISTRATORS;**

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

3 (i) A local fire official who has responsibility for the enforcement or
4 administration of fire codes;

5 (ii) A user of child care services; and

6 (iii) A business person;

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

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

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

13 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
14 1, 2025.