

# HOUSE BILL 430

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By: **Delegate Kerr**

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Assigned to: Ways and Means

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Family Child Care Providers – National Guard and Military Reserves Members –**  
3 **Substitute Provider**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring a family child care provider who is a member of the National  
5 Guard or military reserves to designate a substitute to provide family child care  
6 under certain circumstances for not more than a certain amount of time each year;  
7 and generally relating to family child care providers.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
9 Article – Education  
10 Section 9.5–301(a), (b), (e), and (f)  
11 Annotated Code of Maryland  
12 (2022 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

13 BY adding to  
14 Article – Education  
15 Section 9.5–305.1  
16 Annotated Code of Maryland  
17 (2022 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

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

20 **Article – Education**

21 9.5–301.

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

23 (b) “Child care provider” means the adult who has primary responsibility for the  
24 operation of a family child care home or a large family child care home.

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



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

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

**9.5–305.1.**

(A) IN THIS SECTION, “MILITARY RESERVES” MEANS THE U.S. ARMY RESERVE, U.S. NAVY RESERVE, AIR FORCE RESERVE COMMAND, U.S. MARINE CORPS RESERVE, OR U.S. COAST GUARD RESERVE.

(B) THIS SECTION APPLIES ONLY TO A FAMILY CHILD CARE PROVIDER WHO IS A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL GUARD OR MILITARY RESERVES.

(C) A FAMILY CHILD CARE PROVIDER SHALL DESIGNATE A SUBSTITUTE TO PROVIDE FAMILY CHILD CARE DURING THE FAMILY CHILD CARE PROVIDER’S ABSENCE FOR REQUIRED TRAINING AND ACTIVE SERVICE IN THE NATIONAL GUARD OR MILITARY RESERVES.

(D) A FAMILY CARE PROVIDER UNDER SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION MAY USE THE DESIGNATED SUBSTITUTE TO PROVIDE FAMILY CHILD CARE DURING THE FAMILY CHILD CARE PROVIDER’S ABSENCE FOR NOT MORE THAN 45 WORKING DAYS IN ANY 12-MONTH PERIOD.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2026.