

HOUSE BILL 430

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By: ~~Delegate Kerr~~ **Delegates Kerr, Ebersole, Feldmark, Miller, Mireku-North,
Palakovich Carr, Pasteur, Patterson, Roberson, Wilkins, Wims, and Young**

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Family Child Care Providers – ~~National Guard and Military Reserves~~ Reserve
3 Component Members – 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~~ a reserve component to designate a substitute to provide
6 family child care under certain circumstances for not more than a certain amount of
7 time each year; 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**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 9.5–301.

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

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

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

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

9 **9.5–305.1.**

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

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

16 ~~(C)~~ (B) A FAMILY CHILD CARE PROVIDER SHALL DESIGNATE A
17 SUBSTITUTE TO PROVIDE FAMILY CHILD CARE DURING THE FAMILY CHILD CARE
18 PROVIDER’S ABSENCE FOR REQUIRED TRAINING AND ACTIVE SERVICE IN ~~THE~~
19 NATIONAL GUARD OR MILITARY RESERVES A RESERVE COMPONENT.

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

24 (D) THIS SECTION MAY NOT BE CONSTRUED TO OTHERWISE LIMIT THE
25 AUTHORITY OF THE DEPARTMENT TO ESTABLISH REQUIREMENTS FOR:

26 (1) A FAMILY CHILD CARE PROVIDER TO DESIGNATE A SUBSTITUTE
27 TO PROVIDE FAMILY CHILD CARE IN THE FAMILY CHILD CARE PROVIDER’S ABSENCE;
28 AND

29 (2) THE QUALIFICATIONS NECESSARY TO SERVE AS A SUBSTITUTE.

30 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
31 1, 2026.

Approved:

Governor.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.

President of the Senate.