

# HOUSE BILL 1034

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Child Care Entities – Child Abuse and Neglect – Training and Reporting**  
3 **Requirements**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring a child care provider to complete certain training on the  
5 identification, prevention, and reporting of child abuse at certain intervals; requiring  
6 each child care entity to certify to the Division of Early Childhood Development in  
7 the State Department of Education that each provider is in compliance with the  
8 training requirements; establishing certain penalties for providers and child care  
9 entities who violate certain training and reporting requirements; requiring a  
10 provider to provide certain notice or make certain reports of suspected child abuse  
11 or neglect; and generally relating to child abuse and neglect.

12 BY adding to  
13 Article – Education  
14 Section 9.5–118  
15 Annotated Code of Maryland  
16 (2022 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

17 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
18 Article – Family Law  
19 Section 5–701(a), 5–704(a), and 5–716  
20 Annotated Code of Maryland  
21 (2019 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

22 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
23 Article – Family Law  
24 Section 5–701(g)  
25 Annotated Code of Maryland  
26 (2019 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



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

3 **Article – Education**

4 **9.5–118.**

5 (A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS  
6 INDICATED.

7 (2) “CHILD CARE ENTITY” MEANS AN ENTITY THAT:

8 (I) PROVIDES CHILD CARE SERVICES; AND

9 (II) IS LICENSED OR REGULATED BY THE DIVISION.

10 (3) “DIVISION” MEANS THE DIVISION OF EARLY CHILDHOOD  
11 DEVELOPMENT IN THE DEPARTMENT.

12 (4) “PROVIDER” MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IS EMPLOYED BY,  
13 CONTRACTS WITH, VOLUNTEERS FOR, OR OTHERWISE WORKS FOR A CHILD CARE  
14 ENTITY.

15 (B) A PROVIDER SHALL COMPLETE THE TRAINING DESCRIBED UNDER §  
16 5–716 OF THE FAMILY LAW ARTICLE:

17 (1) WITHIN 6 MONTHS AFTER THE INITIAL DATE OF EMPLOYMENT  
18 WITH A CHILD CARE ENTITY; AND

19 (2) EVERY 2 YEARS THEREAFTER.

20 (C) ON OR BEFORE JULY 1, 2027, AND EACH JULY 1 THEREAFTER, A CHILD  
21 CARE ENTITY SHALL CERTIFY TO THE DIVISION THAT EACH PROVIDER IS IN  
22 COMPLIANCE WITH THIS SECTION.

23 (D) A PROVIDER WHO VIOLATES THIS SECTION IS SUBJECT TO:

24 (1) A CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN;

25 (2) SUSPENSION OR TERMINATION OF EMPLOYMENT; OR

26 (3) SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION OF THE PROVIDER’S LICENSE.



1           The Department shall post on its website a free online course on the identification,  
2 prevention, and reporting of child abuse.

3           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That an individual who is a  
4 provider on July 1, 2026, for a child care entity, as defined in § 9.5–118 of the Education  
5 Article as enacted by Section 1 of this Act, shall complete the training described under §  
6 5–716 of the Family Law Article on or before January 1, 2027.

7           SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July  
8 1, 2026.