

HOUSE BILL 1034

F5, O4

6lr2854

By: **Delegates Stinnett, Addison, Fair, Kaufman, Simmons, and Wims**

Introduced and read first time: February 9, 2026

Assigned to: Ways and Means

Committee Report: Favorable with amendments

House action: Adopted

Read second time: March 9, 2026

CHAPTER _____

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

14 ~~BY adding to~~
15 ~~Article – Education~~
16 ~~Section 9.5 – 118~~
17 ~~Annotated Code of Maryland~~
18 ~~(2022 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)~~

19 ~~BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,~~
20 ~~Article – Family Law~~
21 ~~Section 5 – 701(a), 5 – 704(a), and 5 – 716~~
22 ~~Annotated Code of Maryland~~
23 ~~(2019 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)~~

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 ~~BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,~~
 2 ~~Article – Family Law~~
 3 ~~Section 5–701(g)~~
 4 ~~Annotated Code of Maryland~~
 5 ~~(2019 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)~~

6 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
 7 Article – Education
 8 Section 9.5–303(a) and (b) and 9.5–404(a)
 9 Annotated Code of Maryland
 10 (2022 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

11 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
 12 Article – Education
 13 Section 9.5–303(c)(10) and 9.5–404(b)(3)
 14 Annotated Code of Maryland
 15 (2022 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

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

18 **Article – Education**

19 ~~9.5–118.~~

20 ~~(A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS~~
 21 ~~INDICATED:~~

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

23 ~~(i) PROVIDES CHILD CARE SERVICES; AND~~

24 ~~(ii) IS LICENSED OR REGULATED BY THE DIVISION.~~

25 ~~(3) “DIVISION” MEANS THE DIVISION OF EARLY CHILDHOOD~~
 26 ~~DEVELOPMENT IN THE DEPARTMENT.~~

27 ~~(4) “PROVIDER” MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IS EMPLOYED BY,~~
 28 ~~CONTRACTS WITH, VOLUNTEERS FOR, OR OTHERWISE WORKS FOR A CHILD CARE~~
 29 ~~ENTITY.~~

30 ~~(B) A PROVIDER SHALL COMPLETE THE TRAINING DESCRIBED UNDER §~~
 31 ~~5–716 OF THE FAMILY LAW ARTICLE;~~

1 ~~[(v)] (VI) any probation or parole officer.~~

2 ~~5-704.~~

3 ~~(a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, including any law on privileged~~
4 ~~communications, each health practitioner, police officer, educator, or human service~~
5 ~~worker, acting in a professional capacity in this State who has reason to believe that a child~~
6 ~~has been subjected to abuse or neglect:~~

7 ~~(1) shall notify the local department or the appropriate law enforcement~~
8 ~~agency; and~~

9 ~~(2) if acting as a staff member of a hospital, public health agency, child care~~
10 ~~institution, juvenile detention center, school, or similar institution, shall immediately~~
11 ~~notify and give all information required by this section to the head of the institution or the~~
12 ~~designee of the head.~~

13 ~~5-716.~~

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

16 ~~SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That an individual who is a~~
17 ~~provider on July 1, 2026, for a child care entity, as defined in § 9.5-118 of the Education~~
18 ~~Article as enacted by Section 1 of this Act, shall complete the training described under §~~
19 ~~5-716 of the Family Law Article on or before January 1, 2027.~~

20 9.5-303.

21 (a) The State Board shall adopt regulations that relate to the registration of
22 family child care homes and large family child care homes.

23 (b) So far as practicable, the regulations shall be uniform with the rules and
24 regulations adopted by other State agencies as those rules and regulations relate to other
25 types of child care.

26 (c) At a minimum, the regulations shall provide for:

27 (10) A requirement that each registered child care provider shall hold a
28 current certificate indicating successful completion of approved:

29 (i) Basic first aid training through the American Red Cross or
30 through a program with equivalent standards; [and]

31 (ii) Cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) training through the
32 American Heart Association or through a program with equivalent standards appropriate

1 for the ages of children for whom care is provided in the family child care home or large
2 family child care home; AND

3 **(III) INSTRUCTION CONCERNING CHILD ABUSE DETECTION AND**
4 **REPORTING TO BE COMPLETED:**

5 **1. WITHIN 90 DAYS OF REGISTRATION; AND**

6 **2. ANNUALLY THEREAFTER;**

7 9.5-404.

8 (a) The State Board shall adopt rules and regulations for licensing and operating
9 child care centers.

10 (b) These rules and regulations shall:

11 (3) Ensure the health of children in child care centers by:

12 (i) Monitoring children for signs and symptoms of child abuse;

13 (ii) Instructing licensees and staff concerning child abuse detection
14 and reporting TO BE COMPLETED:

15 **1. WITHIN 90 DAYS OF STARTING EMPLOYMENT; AND**

16 **2. ANNUALLY THEREAFTER;**

17 (iii) Monitoring health practices to help prevent the spread of disease;

18 (iv) Monitoring the care of infants and children with special needs;

19 and

20 (v) Prohibiting the administration of corporal punishment to
21 discipline a child;

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