

SENATE BILL 664

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By: **Senator Harris**

Introduced and read first time: February 6, 2026

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Child Care Scholarship Program – Priority for Child Care Providers**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the State Department of Education to establish a framework
4 to prioritize the children of certain child care providers for scholarships under the
5 Child Care Scholarship Program; and generally relating to the Child Care
6 Scholarship Program.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
8 Article – Education
9 Section 9.5–113(a) and (b)
10 Annotated Code of Maryland
11 (2022 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

12 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
13 Article – Education
14 Section 9.5–113(c)(1)
15 Annotated Code of Maryland
16 (2022 Replacement Volume and 2025 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 9.5–113.

21 (a) In this section, “Program” means the Child Care Scholarship Program.

22 (b) The Department shall administer the Program in accordance with federal law.

23 (c) (1) The Department shall:

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



(i) Establish a process that meets the requirements of this subsection for granting presumptive eligibility for a [subsidy] **SCHOLARSHIP** under the Program; [and]

(ii) Incorporate the framework of the Youth Transitioning From Foster Placement to Successful Adulthood Program as established under § 9.5–113.2 of this subtitle; **AND**

(III) FOR APPLICATIONS THE DEPARTMENT RECEIVES AFTER JULY 1, 2026, ESTABLISH A FRAMEWORK TO PRIORITIZE THE CHILDREN OF INDIVIDUALS WHO PROVIDE CARE FOR CHILDREN IN LICENSED CHILD CARE CENTERS, REGISTERED FAMILY CHILD CARE HOMES, AND REGISTERED LARGE FAMILY CHILD CARE HOMES FOR SCHOLARSHIPS UNDER THE PROGRAM.

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