



Testimony Concerning SB 280
“Child Care Providers - Registration and Licensing - Exemptions”
Submitted to the House Ways & Means Committee
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Position: Favorable

Maryland Family Network (MFN) supports SB 280, which codifies and expands a licensing exemption for child care programs that are certified by the Department of Defense (DOD) and that serve military families.

MFN has worked since 1945 to improve the availability and quality of child care and early childhood education, as well as other supports for children and families in Maryland. We have been active in state and federal debates on child care policy and are strongly committed to ensuring that children, along with their parents, have access to high-quality, affordable programs and educational opportunities.

Child care programs (centers and family child care homes) that are located on a military base are currently exempt from Maryland licensing requirements. The proposed legislation would codify the exemption and extend it to cover DOD-certified child care programs that are located off-base.

MFN requests a favorable report on SB 280.