



**Caring For Maryland's Most
Important Natural Resource™**

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The Maryland State Child Care Association (MSCCA) is a non-profit, statewide, professional association incorporated in 1984 to promote the growth and development of child care and learning centers in Maryland. MSCCA has over 5500 members working in the field of child care/early childhood education. We believe children are our most important natural resource and work hard to advocate for children, families and for professionalism within the early childhood community.

Testimony: HB 911:Real Property-Landlord and Tenant-Family Child Care Homes Submitted to: Environment and Transportation Committee Feb 18, 2025

Maryland State Child Care Association fully supports HB 911.

Child care providers are the backbone of the community and the economy. HB 911 supports access to child care for working families.

Many people work remotely, and many Marylanders are entrepreneurs running small businesses out of their homes, whether they own or lease. Maryland has worked to prioritize small, minority, and women owned businesses to grow the economy. Child care is a primarily women owned and operated small business with family child care declining rapidly, according the Maryland's Comptroller. HB 911 acts to support growing family child care in order to meet the needs of the workforce by striking a balance for landlord and tenants to be successful.

HB 911 is important to building capacity to address limited access to child care in communities throughout the state and will also lead to addressing child care deserts with viable child care options for families, which is important to the economy.

HB 911 also aligns with the Blueprint for Maryland's Future-Pillar 1 recommendations as you need child care to be viable to support a mixed delivery system and bring recommendations to fruition in this state.

Child care is the workforce behind the workforce and child care is an economic driver. State leaders should be working to ensure every family has access to affordable, quality childcare because the benefits positively impact Marylanders directly and indirectly.

HB 911 increases security deposits, ensures certificates of insurance for landlord piece of mind, does not limit zoning, and includes notification provisions. Leasing should not prohibit you from working and contributing to the economy.

Any bias related to child care should be prohibited and instead child care businesses should be embraced as an important community support system and economic driver.

MSCCA urges a favorable report.