

House Ways and Means Committee

**HB 1122 - Child Care Advisory Council Membership - Membership - Alterations**

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Dear Chair Atterbeary, Vice Chair Wilkins, and esteemed members of the Committee,

**The State Library Resource Center advocates for you to support HB1122.** Public Libraries have long been instrumental in early childhood development and the care and education of young children in Maryland. We sponsor and hold programs that teach caregivers essential skills to ensure that their infants and toddlers are prepared for literacy. We provide direct support to childcare providers by providing story times, books, and other programs at their facilities. We also welcome the providers and the children they care for into our buildings daily so that the children may experience all of the resources the library has to offer. At the State Library Resource Center at Enoch Pratt, we hold classes teaching members of the community how to establish and license their own child care centers. Last fiscal year the Enoch Pratt Free Library held 1,776 programs specifically for children aged 0-5 and/or their caregivers. Our children's services staff are experts in pre-literacy, early literacy, and childhood development.

Libraries are vital to the care and education of babies and toddlers as well as to parents, caregivers, and child care providers. We are an important addition to the Child Care Advisory Council.

Sincerely,

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