

VETOES

(2) "CHILD CARE CENTER" SHALL INCLUDE ~~A NONPUBLIC KINDERGARTEN IN WHICH AN INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAM IS OFFERED OR PROVIDED FOR CHILDREN WHO ARE AT LEAST 5 YEARS OLD AND A NONPUBLIC NURSERY SCHOOL IN WHICH AN INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAM IS OFFERED OR PROVIDED FOR CHILDREN BETWEEN 2 TO 4 YEARS OLD.~~

(3) "CHILD CARE CENTER" DOES NOT INCLUDE:

(I) A NONPUBLIC KINDERGARTEN IN WHICH AN INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAM IS OFFERED OR PROVIDED FOR CHILDREN WHO ARE AT LEAST 5 YEARS OLD; OR

(II) A NONPUBLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN WHICH AN INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAM IS OFFERED OR PROVIDED FOR CHILDREN WHO ARE IN GRADES 1 THROUGH 8.

[(2)] ~~(3)~~ (4) "[Group day] CHILD care center" does not include a child care home, a child care institution, or other child care facility that offers or provides a residential placement for a child and is established, licensed, or registered under Title 5, Subtitle 5 of [the Family Law Article] THIS ARTICLE or Titles 6 or 10 of [this article] THE HEALTH - GENERAL ARTICLE.

(d) "License" means a license issued by [a health officer] THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES to operate a [group day] CHILD care center.

(e) "Person" includes a State, county, or municipal corporation.

(F) "SECRETARY" MEANS THE SECRETARY OF HUMAN RESOURCES.

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(a) (1) The General Assembly finds that:

and (i) A child is not capable of self-protection;

(ii) If care of a child is given over to another, mental and physical risks arise that need to be offset by reasonable protective measures.

(2) The General Assembly also finds that:

(i) There is a shortage of [day] CHILD care placements for children under the age of 2 years; and

(ii) The rules and regulations adopted under this subtitle should provide for small [day] CHILD care centers that provide care in a homelike environment.