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(b) The purpose of this subtitle is not to limit a parent in getting the help of responsible relatives or friends in giving [day] CHILD care for a child, but is to aid each parent and protect each child from the risk present if:

(1) The child is cared for by an individual other than a relative or friend; and

(2) Children of more than one family are cared for together or, on different days, use the same facilities.

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(a) This [subtitle] PART VII does not supersede:

(1) Any right or power of the [State Social Services Administration] DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE or any local [department of social services] HEALTH OFFICER;

(2) Any right or power of the State Department of Education or a county department of education; or

(3) Any building code or zoning provision.

(b) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, if a child care center for school age children is operated before and after school hours [by a party other than the county board of education] in a building which is in use as a public OR PRIVATE school, the school age child care center:

(1) Shall meet local fire, health, and zoning codes required of school buildings; and

(2) May not be required to meet any additional regulations relative to the physical plant beyond those imposed by the county or the local board of education with respect to that building.

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(a) The Secretary shall adopt rules and regulations for licensing and operating [group day] CHILD care centers.

(b) These rules and regulations shall:

(1) Ensure safe and sanitary conditions in [group day] CHILD care centers;

(2) Ensure proper care, protection, and supervision of children in [group day] CHILD care centers;

(3) ENSURE THE HEALTH OF CHILDREN IN CHILD CARE CENTERS BY: