

Article - State Government

9-1404.

(a) The Council shall be responsible for:

(1) assuring the establishment of common, mutually exclusive definitions for interagency use;

(2) reviewing regulations proposed by the 3 units for child care for the purpose of insuring coordination and consistency;

(3) reviewing the adequacy of available licensing resources and utilization of these resources by the units; and

(4) providing for a plan by which parents and the general public have access to information regarding the standards of operation, reported complaints, and regulatory violations of child care programs.

(b) (1) The Council shall be assisted by a 15 member advisory workgroup, appointed by the Governor from various areas of the State, with a majority of the members appointed from the private sector.

(2) At least one member from each of the following groups shall be represented:

(i) local government licensing agency;

(ii) consumers of child care;

(iii) providers of child care;

(iv) fire marshal;

(v) local building inspection unit;

(vi) local zoning units;

(vii) provider associations; and

(viii) child advocacy groups.

(c) The advisory workgroup shall:

(1) review issues and problems relating to care of children and suggest priorities for consideration by the Interagency Child Care Council;

(2) identify interdepartmental issues of importance to providers and users which should be addressed by the Council;

(3) review public educational and public affairs materials for applicability and usefulness; [and]

(4) REVIEW THE AVAILABILITY AND AFFORDABILITY OF