

foster parents caused by foster children; authorizing the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene or the Secretary of Employment and Social Services to reimburse foster parents for those costs of injury or damage within certain amounts and under certain circumstances; requiring authorization of the Board of Public Works in certain circumstances; and clarifying language.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 52A - Juvenile Services
Section 19
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1972 Replacement Volume and 1976 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 88A - Social Services Administration
Section 32B
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1969 Replacement Volume and 1976 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That Section 19 of Article 52A - Juvenile Services, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1972 Replacement Volume and 1976 Supplement) be and it is hereby repealed and reenacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

Article 52A - Juvenile Services

19.

(A) The [State Department of] Juvenile Services ADMINISTRATION shall provide liability insurance for foster parents caring for foster children under foster parent programs. The liability insurance shall provide coverage for:

(1) Bodily injury and property damage [to others, and to the foster parents,] caused by the foster child TO PERSONS OR PROPERTY OTHER THAN THE FOSTER PARENT OR HIS PROPERTY; and

(2) Actions against the foster parents by the natural parents for any accident to the foster child. The Department of Juvenile Services shall establish a reasonable deductible limit.

(B) (1) THE SECRETARY SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION SHALL REIMBURSE FOSTER PARENTS FOR COSTS OF BODILY INJURY OR PROPERTY DAMAGE TO THE FOSTER PARENTS CAUSED BY THE FOSTER CHILD, NOT OTHERWISE COVERED BY INSURANCE.