

**Article - Education**

2-303.

(J) THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT SHALL ESTABLISH AN EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT DIVISION WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT.

**Article - Family Law**

5-550.

(A) IN PART V OF THIS SUBTITLE THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

(B) "DEPARTMENT" MEANS THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION.

(C) "DIRECT GRANT FUND" MEANS THE FAMILY DAY CARE PROVIDER DIRECT GRANT FUND.

(D) "FAMILY DAY CARE PROVIDER" MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL WHO CARES FOR NO MORE THAN EIGHT CHILDREN IN A REGISTERED FAMILY DAY CARE HOME.

(E) "STATE SUPERINTENDENT" MEANS THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

[5-550.] 5-550.1.

(a) The Department shall implement a system of registration for family day care homes.

(b) The purpose of registration of family day care homes is to:

(1) protect the health, safety, and welfare of children while they are in family day care;

(2) identify family day care homes;

(3) provide basic technical assistance and child care information to day care providers; and

(4) minimize the regulatory rigidity often associated with licensing.

(c) The system of registration is intended to promote a high degree of flexibility in the regulation of family day care homes while assuring the health and safety of children who are cared for in family day care homes.

5-552.

(a) Except as otherwise provided in this section, a family day care home may not operate unless it is registered.

(b) A family day care home is not required to be registered if the day care provider:

(1) is related to each child by blood or marriage;