

(d) Space originally set aside for a child care center may be used for other purposes if:

(1) the building has been fully occupied for 180 days; and

(2) an application to operate a child care center has not been filed under Part VII of this subtitle.

(e) Children of State employees shall have priority over other children in admission to a child care center in a State-occupied building or nearby buildings.

(f) (1) After a child care center for children of State employees has been established, the Department [of Human Resources] shall assess the child care needs of the State employees using the center at least every 5 years.

(2) If the assessment demonstrates that the service is no longer needed or feasible, the [Secretary of Human Resources] STATE SUPERINTENDENT may close the center.

(3) The [Secretary of Human Resources] STATE SUPERINTENDENT shall give the child care center 90 days' written notice of closure.

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(a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.

(2) "Pilot program" means the child care centers established in State-occupied buildings or State complexes under this section.

(b) There is a pilot program for child care in State-occupied buildings and State complexes.

(c) The Department shall administer the pilot program established under this section.

(d) The pilot program shall be:

(1) operated in at least 1 State-occupied building or State complex where 700 or more State employees are located;

(2) established to accommodate at least 29 children at each location; and

(3) established for at least 3 years.

(e) (1) The Department shall contract with child care providers to operate the child care centers established under this section.

(2) The contract for operating a child care center shall require the child care provider:

(i) to be responsible for entering into agreements, and making arrangements with the employees, for the provision of child care;

(ii) to provide proof of financial responsibility;