

the Purchase of Child Care Voucher Program to the General Assembly, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, on or before November 30, 2005.

SECTION 9. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

(a) (1) The State Department of Education shall develop a plan to address the needs of children with disabilities, children with special health care needs, and child care providers that care for these children.

(2) The plan shall incorporate the recommendations of the Task Force on Inclusive Child Care and After School Care for Children with Disabilities and Special Health Care Needs and shall reflect input from families of children with disabilities and special health care needs.

(3) On or before January 1, 2006, the plan, and assessment of the anticipated resources necessary for implementation of the plan, shall be reported to the Department of Disabilities and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly.

(b) The Department of Disabilities shall incorporate the plan into the State Disability Plan on or before January 1, 2006.

(c) On or before July 1, 2006, July 1, 2007, and July 1, 2008, the State Department of Education shall submit a progress report detailing implementation of the plan developed under subsection (a) of this section to the Department of Disabilities and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly.

SECTION 8- 10. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That all employees of the Child Care Administration and the Office for Children, Youth, and Families, whose positions are transferred to the State Department of Education by this Act shall be so transferred on the effective date of this Act without any diminution of their rights, including collective bargaining rights, benefits, or employment and retirement status.

SECTION 9- 11. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That all persons who are classified employees of the Child Care Administration and the Office for Children, Youth, and Families as of June 30, 2005, and who are transferred to the State Department of Education as part of the transfer of nonstatutory programs relating to the Child Care Administration and the Office for Children, Youth, and Families shall be transferred without any diminution of their rights, including collective bargaining rights, benefits, or employment status, including, if any, merit system and retirement status.

SECTION 10- 12. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That nothing in this Act shall be construed to:

(a) Diminish any of the powers and duties of the Social Services Administration to investigate reports of child abuse and neglect; or

(b) Affect any of the powers and duties of the Department of Juvenile Services, the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, and the Department of Human Resources to operate residential care facilities or group homes.