

period to not less than 2 months for each of the 2 years from October 1, 1995 to September 30, 1997, if the [Child Care Administration] DEPARTMENT finds that a 12-month period is not feasible.

(iv) If the [Child Care Administration] DEPARTMENT reduces the number of the months in the amnesty period under subparagraph (iii) of this paragraph, the [Child Care Administration] DEPARTMENT shall notify the General Assembly in writing, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article.

(2) The [Secretary of Human Resources] STATE SUPERINTENDENT shall adopt regulations for the implementation of the amnesty program.

(d) (1) The amnesty shall apply only to the registration required by this Part V, but only if the requirements of subsection (e) of this section are met.

(2) Any unregistered family day care provider participating in the amnesty:

(i) may not be enjoined by the Department as long as information is not made known to the Department that the health, safety, or welfare of any child in the care of the unregistered family day care provider is endangered, including any information or evidence provided by a State or local code enforcement authority or protective services or law enforcement agency;

(ii) is not subject to the penalty provided for in § 5-557 of this Part V; and

(iii) is subject to the group size requirements provided by § 5-553 of this Part V.

(e) For the purposes of this section, an unregistered family day care provider is participating in the amnesty program if:

(1) the unregistered family day care provider:

(i) between October 1, 1994 and September 30, 1997, files an application with the Department in accordance with the regulations adopted by the Department; and

(ii) makes a good faith effort, as determined by the Department, to complete the registration process within 1 year of the date of entering the amnesty; and

(2) information is not made known to the STATE Department OF EDUCATION OR THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES that the health, safety, or welfare of any child in the care of the unregistered family day care provider is endangered, including any information or evidence provided by a State or local code enforcement authority, or protective services or law enforcement agency.

(f) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, except for any willful or grossly negligent act, a State or local code enforcement authority, protective services or law enforcement agency, the Department of Human Resources, STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, and the personnel of a State or local code enforcement