

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

(E) "Letter of compliance" means a letter issued by the [Department of Human Resources] STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION to a religious organization that meets the requirements under § 5-573 of this subtitle.

[(e)](F) "License" means a license issued by the [Department of Human Resources] STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION to operate a child care center.

[(f)](G) "Person" includes a State, county, or municipal corporation.

[(g) "Secretary" means the Secretary of Human Resources or the Secretary's designee]

(H) "STATE SUPERINTENDENT" MEANS THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS OR THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT'S DESIGNEE.

5-572.

(a) This Part VII of this subtitle does not supersede:

(1) any right or power of the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene or any local health officer;

(2) any right or power of [the State Department of Education or] a county department of education; [or]

(3) any building code or zoning provision;

(4) ANY RIGHT OR POWER OF THE ADMINISTRATION WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES OR ANY LOCAL DEPARTMENT; OR

(5) ANY RIGHT OR POWER OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES TO REGULATE RESIDENTIAL CHILD CARE FACILITIES.

(b) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, if a child care center for school age children is operated before and after school hours in a building which is in use as a public or private school, the school age child care center:

(1) shall meet local fire, health, and zoning codes required of school buildings; and

(2) may not be required to meet any additional regulations relative to the physical plant beyond those imposed by the county or the local board of education with respect to that building.

5-573.

(a) The [Secretary] STATE SUPERINTENDENT shall adopt rules and regulations for licensing and operating child care centers.

(b) These rules and regulations shall:

(1) ensure safe and sanitary conditions in child care centers;