

(2) determine whether child care services for more than 29 children are needed; and

(3) if sufficient need is demonstrated, determine how much space is required and request that the Department of General Services designate the required amount of space within the building or acquire the designated amount of space within a nearby building for a child care center.

(c) The occupying agency shall notify the employee occupants of the availability of space for a child care center at least 180 days before the projected date of occupancy.

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(a) The Department of Health and Mental Hygiene and the Department of General Services shall cooperate with and assist the Department in carrying out the purposes of this Part VIII of this subtitle.

(b) The Department shall:

(1) provide the guidance and means for establishing child care centers for the children of State employees in State-occupied buildings or nearby buildings in accordance with this Part VIII of this subtitle;

(2) provide for licensing of child care centers for children of State employees;

(3) ensure that space designated within a State-occupied building or nearby buildings for a child care center complies with the prevailing local and State safety building codes for child care centers;

(4) apply the regulations adopted under Part VII for child care centers; and

(5) contract for child care services in the space provided. Contract providers must provide proof of financial responsibility.

(c) (1) The Department of General Services shall:

(i) construct or acquire the required space to be used by the child care center, which space shall be submetered for utilities and the costs of which shall be paid by the child care center; and

(ii) inspect the facility monthly and inform child care center personnel of maintenance deficiencies to be corrected by the child care center.

(2) If any deficiencies under paragraph (1)(ii) of this subsection are not corrected within a reasonable time, the Department of General Services shall notify the [Department of Human Resources] STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION which will exact compliance in accordance with the terms of the child care center contract.

(3) The child care center shall pay for any costs of operation of the child care center.