

Defined terms: "Foster care" § 5-501  
"Local board" § 5-501 "Local department" § 5-101  
"State Board" § 5-501

5-547. CONSTRUCTION.

THIS PART IV OF THIS SUBTITLE MAY NOT BE CONSTRUED TO RESTRICT OR ALTER THE AUTHORITY OF ANY PUBLIC OR PRIVATE AGENCY OR INSTITUTION THAT DEALS WITH FOSTER CARE, ADOPTION, OR RELATED MATTERS.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly appeared as Article 88A, § 120.

The phrase "public or private", which modifies "agency or institution", is new language added for clarity.

The only other changes are in style.

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PART V. FAMILY DAY CARE HOMES.

5-550. REGISTRATION SYSTEM.

(A) IMPLEMENTATION.

THE DEPARTMENT SHALL IMPLEMENT A SYSTEM OF REGISTRATION FOR FAMILY DAY CARE HOMES.

(B) PURPOSE.

THE PURPOSE OF REGISTRATION OF FAMILY DAY CARE HOMES IS TO:

(1) PROTECT THE HEALTH, SAFETY, AND WELFARE OF CHILDREN WHILE THEY ARE IN FAMILY DAY CARE;

(2) IDENTIFY FAMILY DAY CARE HOMES;

(3) PROVIDE BASIC TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND CHILD CARE INFORMATION TO DAY CARE PROVIDERS; AND

(4) MINIMIZE THE REGULATORY RIGIDITY OFTEN ASSOCIATED WITH LICENSING.

(C) LEGISLATIVE INTENT.

THE SYSTEM OF REGISTRATION IS INTENDED TO PROMOTE A HIGH DEGREE OF FLEXIBILITY IN THE REGULATION OF FAMILY DAY CARE HOMES WHILE ASSURING THE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF CHILDREN WHO ARE CAREED FOR IN FAMILY DAY CARE HOMES.