

either House Bill 260 or House Bill 1290/Senate Bill 546 should be signed.

Very truly yours,  
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House Bill No. 260

AN ACT concerning

Group Day Care Centers - 24-Hour-Care Length of Stay

FOR the purpose of altering the definition of "group day care center" to include an agency, institution, or establishment that offers or provides group day care on a 24-hour basis to certain children; providing that the term "group day care center" does not include certain facilities that provide residential placement; providing that a certain license authorizes the licensee to operate a group day care center on a 24-hour basis; prohibiting a child from remaining at a group day care center for more than a certain length of time; providing that an exception may be granted by a local health officer in certain cases; and generally relating to 24-hour group day care centers.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Health - General  
 Section 14-101(c) and 14-108  
 Annotated Code of Maryland  
 (1982 Volume and 1984 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article - Health - General

14-101.

(c) (1) "Group day care center" means an agency, institution, or establishment that, for part or all of a day, OR ON A 24-HOUR BASIS, on a regular schedule, and at least twice a week, offers or provides group day care to at least 7 children who do not have the same parentage.

(2) "GROUP DAY CARE CENTER" DOES NOT INCLUDE A CHILD CARE HOME, A CHILD CARE INSTITUTION, OR OTHER CHILD CARE FACILITY THAT OFFERS OR PROVIDES A RESIDENTIAL PLACEMENT FOR A CHILD AND