

CHAPTER 118

(House Bill 1445)

AN ACT concerning

Group Day Care Centers - 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; authorizing certain licensees 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 an exception in certain cases under certain guidelines; and generally relating to group day care centers that provide group day care on a 24-hour basis.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Health - General
Section 14-101(c), 14-104, and 14-108(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1982 Volume and 1985 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 children who do not have the same parentage except as otherwise provided for in law or regulation.

(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 IS ESTABLISHED, LICENSED, OR REGISTERED UNDER TITLE 5, SUBTITLE 5 OF THE FAMILY LAW ARTICLE OR TITLES 6 OR 10 OF THIS ARTICLE.

14-104.

(a) The Secretary shall adopt rules and regulations for licensing and operating group day care centers.

(b) These rules and regulations shall: