

to be

Article - Family Law  
Section 5-570 through 5-588, inclusive  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1984 Volume and 1987 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Family Law  
Section 5-706(e)  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1984 Volume and 1987 Supplement)  
(As enacted by Chapter 635 of the Acts  
of the General Assembly of 1987)

Preamble

WHEREAS, Maryland's future depends on the sound physical, intellectual, social and emotional growth and development of its children;

WHEREAS, Nonparental care that children receive outside of their homes is supplementary care that enhances the children's growth and development;

WHEREAS, When a parent gives a child over to another for supplementary care, risks arise which need to be offset by reasonable protective measures;

WHEREAS, The demand for adequate child care among working families and businesses is growing, especially for infants, school age children, and children with special needs;

WHEREAS, Regardless of the child care facility or program, children have common needs for a safe and healthy environment, adequate physical facilities and equipment, and competent caregivers;

WHEREAS, Maryland's existing child care licensing system and the regulations applicable to the various categories of facilities have been developed without consistency; and

WHEREAS, It is in the best interest of the State and its citizens to establish a single consolidated licensing system for nonresidential child care facilities currently known as family day care homes, group day care centers, nonpublic nursery schools, and nonpublic kindergartens; now, therefore,