

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

Article - Family Law

[Subtitle 1. Children.]

[Part I. In General.]

PART VII. CHILD CARE CENTERS

[14-101.] 5-570.

(a) In this PART VII OF THIS subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.

(b) "Child" means an individual under the age of 16 years.

(c) (1) "[Group day] CHILD 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] CHILD care to children who do not have the same parentage except as otherwise provided for in law or regulation.

(2) "CHILD CARE CENTER" SHALL INCLUDE ~~A--NONPUBLIC KINDERGARTEN--IN--WHICH--AN--INSTRUCTIONAL--PROGRAM--IS--OFFERED--OR PROVIDED--FOR--CHILDREN--WHO--ARE--AT--LEAST--5--YEARS--OLD--AND A NONPUBLIC NURSERY SCHOOL IN WHICH AN INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAM IS OFFERED OR PROVIDED FOR CHILDREN BETWEEN 2 TO 4 YEARS OLD.~~

(3) "CHILD CARE CENTER" DOES NOT INCLUDE:

(I) A NONPUBLIC KINDERGARTEN IN WHICH AN INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAM IS OFFERED OR PROVIDED FOR CHILDREN WHO ARE AT LEAST 5 YEARS OLD; OR

(II) A NONPUBLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN WHICH AN INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAM IS OFFERED OR PROVIDED FOR CHILDREN WHO ARE IN GRADES 1 THROUGH 8.

[(2)] {3} (4) "[Group day] CHILD 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] THIS ARTICLE or Titles 6 or 10 of [this article] THE HEALTH - GENERAL ARTICLE.

(d) "License" means a license issued by [a health officer] THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES to operate a [group day] CHILD care center.