

(e) "Person" includes a State, county, or municipal corporation.

(F) "SECRETARY" MEANS THE SECRETARY OF HUMAN RESOURCES.

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(a) (1) The General Assembly finds that:

and (i) A child is not capable of self-protection;

(ii) If care of a child is given over to another, mental and physical risks arise that need to be offset by reasonable protective measures.

(2) The General Assembly also finds that:

(i) There is a shortage of [day] CHILD care placements for children under the age of 2 years; and

(ii) The rules and regulations adopted under this subtitle should provide for small [day] CHILD care centers that provide care in a homelike environment.

(b) The purpose of this subtitle is not to limit a parent in getting the help of responsible relatives or friends in giving [day] CHILD care for a child, but is to aid each parent and protect each child from the risk present if:

(1) The child is cared for by an individual other than a relative or friend; and

(2) Children of more than one family are cared for together or, on different days, use the same facilities.

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(a) This [subtitle] PART VII does not supersede:

(1) Any right or power of the [State Social Services Administration] DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE or any local [department of social services] HEALTH OFFICER;

(2) Any right or power of the State Department of Education or a county department of education; or

(3) Any building code or zoning provision.

(b) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, if a child care center for school age children is operated before and after school hours [by a party other than the county board of