

education] in a building which is in use as a public OR PRIVATE school, the school age child care center:

(1) Shall meet local fire, health, and zoning codes required of school buildings; and

(2) May not be required to meet any additional regulations relative to the physical plant beyond those imposed by the county or the local board of education with respect to that building.

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

(b) These rules and regulations shall:

(1) Ensure safe and sanitary conditions in [group day] CHILD care centers;

(2) Ensure proper care, protection, and supervision of children in [group day] CHILD care centers;

(3) ENSURE THE HEALTH OF CHILDREN IN CHILD CARE CENTERS BY:

(I) MONITORING CHILDREN FOR SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS OF CHILD ABUSE;

(II) INSTRUCTING LICENSEES AND STAFF CONCERNING CHILD ABUSE DETECTION AND REPORTING;

(III) MONITORING HEALTH PRACTICES TO HELP PREVENT THE SPREAD OF DISEASE; AND

(IV) MONITORING THE CARE OF INFANTS AND CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS;

†3† (4) Promote the sound growth and development of children in [group day] CHILD care centers;

†4† (5) Encourage the care of children in a homelike environment by reflecting the impracticability of conforming a residence to standards that are appropriate for institutions and otherwise providing for centers that are in residences or other facilities and serve between 7 and 12 children and facilities having 6 or fewer children required to be licensed under § [14-105] 5-574 of this [subtitle] PART VII;

†5† (6) Carry out otherwise the purposes and requirements of this [subtitle] PART VII, INCLUDING IMPOSITION OF INTERMEDIATE SANCTIONS TO ENSURE COMPLIANCE; and