

(b) "Department" means the Department of [Health and Mental Hygiene] HUMAN RESOURCES.

(c) "Employee" means a State employee.

(d) "Employee occupant" means a State employee who is assigned or will be assigned to a State-occupied building.

(e) "Occupying agency" means a State agency or department which is or will be located in a State-occupied building.

(f) "State-occupied building" means:

(1) An office building acquired through any means by the State for use by a State agency or department; and

(2) An office building constructed by or for the State for occupancy by a State agency or department.

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(a) The Department may establish [group day] CHILD care centers for the children of State employees in State-occupied buildings in the manner provided in this section.

(b) Before the State acquires or constructs an office building that accommodates 700 or more employees, the Department of [Health and Mental Hygiene] HUMAN RESOURCES shall:

(1) Survey the employees who will be assigned to the building regarding the employees' child care needs;

(2) Determine whether child care services for more than 29 children are needed; and

(3) If sufficient need is demonstrated, determine how much space is required and request that the Department of General Services designate the required amount of space within the building or acquire the designated amount of space within a nearby building for a [group day] CHILD care center.

(c) The occupying agency shall notify the employee occupants of the availability of space for a [group day] CHILD care center at least 180 days before the projected date of occupancy.

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(a) The Department of [Human Resources] HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE and the Department of General Services shall cooperate with and assist the Department in carrying out the purposes of this Part [II] VIII of this subtitle.