

(b) The Department shall:

(1) Provide the guidance and means for establishing [group day] CHILD care centers for the children of State employees in State-occupied buildings or nearby buildings in accordance with this Part [II] VIII of this subtitle;

~~f-(2)~~ Provide for licensing of ~~group-day~~ CHILD care centers for children of State employees; ~~-f-~~

~~f-(3)-f-(2)~~ Ensure that space designated within a State-occupied building or nearby buildings for a [group day] CHILD care center complies with the prevailing local and State safety building codes for [group day] CHILD care centers;

~~f-(4)-f-(3)~~ Apply the regulations adopted under [this title] PART VII for [group day] CHILD care centers; and

(5) Contract for [day] CHILD care services in the space provided. Contract providers must provide proof of financial responsibility.

(c) (1) The Department of General Services shall:

(i) Construct or acquire the required space to be used by the [group day] CHILD care center, which space shall be submetered for utilities and the costs of which shall be paid by the [day] CHILD care center; and

(ii) Inspect the facility monthly and inform [day] CHILD care center personnel of maintenance deficiencies to be corrected by the [day] CHILD care center.

(2) If any deficiencies under paragraph (1)(ii) of this subsection are not corrected within a reasonable time, the Department of General Services shall notify the Department of [Health and Mental Hygiene] HUMAN RESOURCES which will exact compliance in accordance with the terms of the [day] CHILD care center contract.

(3) The [day] CHILD care center shall pay for any costs of operation of the [day] CHILD care center.

(d) Space originally set aside for a [group day] CHILD care center may be used for other purposes if:

(1) The building has been fully occupied for 180 days; and

(2) An application to operate a [group day] CHILD care center has not been filed under Part [I] VII of this subtitle.