

(e) Children of State employees shall have priority over other children in admission to a [group day] CHILD care center in a State-occupied building or nearby buildings.

(f) (1) After a [group day] CHILD care center for children of State employees has been established, the Department of [Health and Mental Hygiene] HUMAN RESOURCES shall assess the child [day] care needs of the State employees using the center at least every 5 years.

(2) If the assessment demonstrates that the service is no longer needed or feasible, the Secretary of the Department of [Health and Mental Hygiene] HUMAN RESOURCES may close the center.

(3) The Secretary of the Department of [Health and Mental Hygiene] HUMAN RESOURCES shall give the [group day] CHILD care center 90 days' written notice of closure.

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(e) The local department, the appropriate law enforcement agencies, [and] the State's Attorney within each county and Baltimore City, THE DEPARTMENT'S OFFICE RESPONSIBLE FOR CHILD CARE REGULATION, AND THE LOCAL HEALTH OFFICER, shall enter into a written agreement that specifies standard operating procedures for the investigation and prosecution of reported cases of suspected abuse.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That all persons who are, as of _____, 198_, classified employees of the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene and whose positions are transferred to the Department of Human Resources by this Act are hereby transferred to the Department of Human Resources, effective _____, 198_, without any change or loss of rights or status, and shall retain their merit system and retirement system status, except as otherwise specifically provided in this Act.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, except as expressly provided to the contrary in this Act, any transaction affected by or flowing from any statute here amended, repealed, or transferred, and validly entered into before the effective date of this Act and every right, duty, or interest following from it remains valid after the effective date of this Act and may be terminated, completed, consummated, or enforced pursuant to law.

SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, except as otherwise provided in this Act, all permits and licenses, applications for permits and licenses, rules and regulations,