

WILLIAM DONALD SCHAEFER, Governor

SECTION 6. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That pursuant to the plan of reorganization that is proposed by this act, the publishers of the Annotated Code of Maryland, subject to the approval of the Director of the Department of Legislative Reference, shall propose the correction of any agency names, numerical, or similar nonnumerical cross-references throughout the Annotated Code that are rendered incorrect by this Act.

SECTION 7. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Department of Human Resources may enter into an intergovernmental agreement with a local government to ensure that all persons who are classified employees of a local government and who elect to apply, and are selected for transfer, to the Department of Human Resources under this Act shall be transferred 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 8. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Department of Human Resources shall study the feasibility of delegating the authority for the administration of child care services to local jurisdictions and shall report back to the House Environmental Matters Committee and the Senate Economic and Environmental Affairs Committee by December 1, 1988.

SECTION 9. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That nothing in this Act shall be construed to prohibit a local jurisdiction from enhancing the administration of Part VII of Title 5 of the Family Law Article, including:

1. Providing funds for additional licensing staff to increase inspection;
2. Providing training and education for licensees and child care center staff;
3. Providing child care information and referral to consumers; and
4. Developing an outreach program for licensees.

SECTION 10. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Department of Human Resources shall consult with child care providers, religious organizations, local governments, and other interested parties in developing the regulations to carry out the purpose of this Act.