

(a) Except as otherwise provided in this section, a person shall be licensed by the [Agency] DEPARTMENT as a child care institution before the person may operate an institution for the care, custody, or control of a child alleged or adjudicated as delinquent or in need of supervision.

(b) This section does not apply:

(1) To an institution or facility operated by an agency of this State or any political subdivision; or

(2) To a child care home that has a license under this title or § 5-508 of the Family Law Article.

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(a) The General Assembly intends that:

(1) All children whose care is the responsibility of this State shall have similar protection for their health, their safety, and the quality of their care; and

(2) The rules and regulations of agencies that are charged with child care shall be comparable.

(b) The [Agency] DEPARTMENT shall adopt rules and regulations to carry out §§ 2-123 and 2-124 of this article.

(c) Within 60 days after an application for an initial license is received under § 2-123 or § 2-124 of this article, the [Agency] DEPARTMENT shall give notice of the filing of the application to the governing bodies of the county and the municipality and, upon request, the members of the General Assembly from the district where the child care home or institution is to be located.

(d) The [Agency] DEPARTMENT shall report to the Legislative Policy Committee by December 1st of each year concerning each child care home or institution proposed during the preceding year. This report shall discuss the following:

(1) Whether the notification requirement has facilitated the establishment and maintenance of the home or institution; and

(2) The overall success or failure of establishing the home or institution in the county or municipality.

(e) (1) A child care home or institution may not be required to obtain a license from more than 1 State agency.