

Section 5-559, 5-559.1, 5-559.2, 5-559.3, 5-559.4, 5-559.5, 5-559.6, 5-559.7, and 5-559.8

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1991 Replacement Volume and 1993 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article - Family Law

5-559.

(A) IN THIS SUBTITLE THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

(B) "DEPARTMENT" MEANS THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES.

(C) "DIRECT GRANT FUND" MEANS THE FAMILY DAY CARE PROVIDER DIRECT GRANT FUND.

(D) "FAMILY DAY CARE PROVIDER" MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL WHO CARES FOR NO MORE THAN EIGHT CHILDREN IN A REGISTERED FAMILY DAY CARE HOME.

5-559.1.

(A) THERE IS A FAMILY DAY CARE PROVIDER DIRECT GRANT FUND ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT.

(B) TO ADMINISTER GRANTS TO FAMILY DAY CARE PROVIDERS, THE DEPARTMENT MAY CONTRACT WITH STATE AGENCIES AND NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS.

5-559.2.

(A) THE SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT MAY DELEGATE THE AUTHORITY TO APPROVE DIRECT GRANTS TO ANY BOARD WHICH EXISTS OR MAY BE CREATED WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT.

(B) A GRANT MADE UNDER THIS SUBTITLE SHALL BE AWARDED AS A REIMBURSEMENT FOR THE EXPENSES INCURRED BY A FAMILY DAY CARE PROVIDER TO COMPLY WITH STATE AND LOCAL REGULATIONS.

5-559.3.

(A) THE FUNDS SHALL CONSIST OF:

(1) MONEYS SPECIFICALLY APPROPRIATED FOR THE DIRECT GRANT FUND; OR

(2) ANY OTHER MONEYS MADE AVAILABLE TO THE DIRECT GRANT FUND.

(B) THE DIRECT GRANT FUND SHALL BE USED TO: