

kindergarten for children enrolled in licensed child care centers, registered family day care homes, or Head Start program.

Senate Bill 276, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me on April 29, 1997, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign House Bill 737.

Sincerely,  
Parris N. Glendening  
Governor

**House Bill No. 737**

AN ACT concerning

**Mandatory Kindergarten – Child Care Exemptions – Repeal of Termination Provision**

FOR the purpose of repealing a termination provision concerning exemptions from attending kindergarten for children enrolled in certain child care programs; and generally relating to the repeal of the termination provision concerning exemptions from attending kindergarten for children enrolled in child care programs.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Education  
Section 7-301(f)  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1997 Replacement Volume)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Chapter 463 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1991, as amended by Chapter 312 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1994  
Section 3

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

**Article – Education**

7-301.

(f) A child may be exempted from attending kindergarten if a parent or guardian of the child files a written request with the local school system and verifies that the child is enrolled:

- (1) Full time in a licensed child care center;
- (2) Full time in a registered family day care home; or
- (3) Part time in a Head Start 5 year old program.

**Chapter 463 of the Acts of 1991, as amended by Chapter 312 of the Acts of 1994**