

(2) IS ONE OF THE FOLLOWING SCHOOLS:

- (I) THE BENEDICTINE SCHOOL;
- (II) THE LINWOOD SCHOOL;
- (III) THE MARYLAND SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND; AND
- (IV) THE MARYLAND SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF.

[(n)](O) "Residential treatment care" means continuous 24-hour care and supportive services for a minor child placed in a facility that provides formal programs of basic care, social work, and health care services.

[(o)](P) "State Board" means the State Citizen Board of Review of Foster Care for Children.

[(p)](Q) "Unregistered family day care home" means a residence in which family day care is provided and in which the day care provider:

- (1) has not obtained a certificate of registration from the Department;
- (2) is not related by blood or marriage to each child in the provider's care;
- (3) is not a friend of each child's parents or legal guardian and is providing care on a regular basis; and
- (4) has not received the care of the child from a child placement agency licensed by the Administration or by a local department.

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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 in terms of health, safety, and quality of care; and
- (2) the rules and regulations of agencies that are charged with child care shall be comparable.

(b) In addition to other rules and regulations adopted under this title, the Department may adopt rules and regulations to carry out §§ 5-507, 5-508, [and 5-509] 5-509, AND 5-509.1 of this subtitle, which relate to the licensing of child placement agencies, child care homes, [and] child care institutions, AND RESIDENTIAL EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES.

(c) (1) By rule or regulation, the Department may delegate authority to local departments and licensed child placement agencies to issue licenses or approve applicants for licenses under this subtitle.

(2) Any rule or regulation adopted by the Department under this subsection shall provide for an appeal to an administrative appellate authority from a decision of a local department or licensed child placement agency.