

[(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.

(d) (1) A child placement agency, child care home, [or] child care institution, OR RESIDENTIAL EDUCATIONAL FACILITY may not be required to obtain a license from more than 1 State agency.

(2) Any State agency authorized to license child placement agencies, child care homes, [or] child care institutions, OR RESIDENTIAL EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES may make cooperative arrangements with any other State agency to give effect to paragraph (1) of this subsection.

5-509.1.

(A) EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION AND SUBJECT TO SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION, ON OR AFTER JANUARY 1, 2000,