

Senate Bill 178, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign House Bill 245.

Sincerely,
Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr.
Governor

House Bill No. 245

AN ACT concerning

Residential Child Care Programs - State-Funded Operators - Licensing Provisions

FOR the purpose of requiring a licensed operator of a residential child care program who receives State funding to meet certain academic needs of a child in the operator's care; exempting certain licensed operators from certain requirements; requiring certain group homes to comply with certain provisions of law; requiring the department that licenses the group home to notify certain group homes of certain provisions of law; and generally relating to certain licensing provisions for State-funded operators of residential child care programs.

BY adding to

Article - Education

Section 7-309

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2001 Replacement Volume and 2002 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Family Law

Section 5-526

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1999 Replacement Volume and 2002 Supplement)

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

Article - Education

7-309.

(A) (1) IN THIS SECTION, "RESIDENTIAL CHILD CARE PROGRAM" MEANS A PROGRAM THAT:

(I) PROVIDES CARE FOR CHILDREN 24 HOURS A DAY WITHIN A STRUCTURED SET OF SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES DESIGNED TO ACHIEVE OBJECTIVES RELATED TO THE NEEDS OF THE CHILDREN SERVED; AND