

(E) FUNDS FOR THE TUITION ASSISTANCE GRANTS AWARDED UNDER THIS SECTION:

(1) SHALL BE AS PROVIDED IN THE ANNUAL BUDGET OF THE COMMISSION BY THE GOVERNOR;

(2) MAY NOT BE USED TO SUPPLANT FUNDS OF ANY OTHER PROGRAM; AND

(3) MAY NOT EXCEED THE AMOUNT NECESSARY TO MAKE AWARDS TO 40 PERSONS A YEAR.

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

(1) "AUTHORIZED EMPLOYMENT" MEANS EMPLOYMENT AS A CHILD CARE PROVIDER WHICH IS:

(I) AT LEAST 15 HOURS EACH WEEK; AND

(II) LICENSED UNDER TITLE 5, SUBTITLE 5, PART VII OF THE FAMILY LAW ARTICLE.

(2) "CHILD CARE CENTERS" HAS THE SAME MEANING AS UNDER SECTION 5-570 OF THE FAMILY LAW ARTICLE.

(3) "CHILD CARE PROVIDER" MEANS A PERSON EMPLOYED:

(I) AS A FAMILY DAY CARE PROVIDER; OR

(II) AT A CHILD CARE CENTER AS A:

1. SENIOR STAFF MEMBER; OR

2. STAFF AID UNDER THE FULL-TIME, ON-SITE SUPERVISION OF A SENIOR STAFF MEMBER OR DIRECTOR OF A CHILD CARE CENTER.

(4) "ELIGIBLE INSTITUTION" MEANS AN ACCREDITED COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY THAT HAS A PROGRAM OF STUDIES LEADING TO A CHILD DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATE CREDENTIAL FROM THE CHILD DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATE CONSORTIUM OR AN ASSOCIATE OR BACHELOR DEGREE IN CHILD DEVELOPMENT OR EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION.

(5) "ELIGIBLE PROGRAM" MEANS A PROGRAM APPROVED BY THE ADMINISTRATION AND OFFERED BY AN ELIGIBLE INSTITUTION THAT PROVIDES STUDIES LEADING TO:

(I) A CHILD DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATE CREDENTIAL FROM THE CHILD DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATE CONSORTIUM; OR