

(c) "Council" means the Child Care Administration Advisory Council.

(d) "Secretary" means the Secretary of Human Resources.

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(a) (1) The Council consists of at least [21] 25 members, but no more than [25] 30 members.

(2) In appointing members to the Council, the Secretary shall, to the extent possible, appoint members representing geographically diverse jurisdictions across the State.

(b) The members shall include:

(1) 1 member of the Senate of Maryland appointed by the President of the Senate;

(2) 1 member of the Maryland House of Delegates appointed by the Speaker of the House;

(3) at least 1 representative, appointed by the Secretary, from:

(i) the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene;

(ii) the Child Care Administration of the Department of Human Resources;

(iii) the Governor's Office for Children, Youth, and Families;

(iv) the Head Start Program;

(v) the State Department of Education;

(vi) the Office of the State Fire Marshal;

(vii) a local government;

(viii) a child care advocacy organization;

(ix) an independent school, which may include a religious, nonsectarian, or nursery school;

(x) a child care resource and referral agency;

(xi) the Department of the Environment; [and]

(xii) a community college with an early childhood education program;

(XIII) THE MARYLAND ASSOCIATION OF SOCIAL SERVICES DIRECTORS; AND