

(7) (i) An informal kinship care affidavit may be filed during a school year.

(ii) The relative providing informal kinship care shall file an affidavit annually at least 2 weeks prior to the beginning of the school year for each year the child continues to live with the relative because of a serious family hardship.

(8) Unless the court appoints a guardian for the child or awards custody of the child to someone other than the relative providing informal kinship care, the relative providing informal kinship care shall make the full range of educational decisions for the child.

(9) The relative providing informal kinship care shall make reasonable efforts to inform the parent or legal guardian of the child of the informal kinship care relationship.

(10) The parent or legal guardian of a child in an informal kinship care relationship shall have final decision making authority regarding the educational needs of the child.

(d) Section 4-122.1 of this article shall apply to the education funding of a child in an informal kinship care relationship if the fiscal impact of the requirements of subsections (b) and (c) of this section exceed 0.1% of a county board's total operating budget for a fiscal year.

(e) (1) By the 2007-2008 school year, each county board shall provide full-day kindergarten programs for all kindergarten students in that county.

(2) In the comprehensive master plan that is submitted under § 5-401 of this article, a county board shall identify the strategies that will be used in that county to ensure that full-day kindergarten programs are provided to all kindergarten students in that county by the 2007-2008 school year.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2008.

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