

(3) THE NUMBER OF PLACEMENTS IN A RESIDENTIAL CHILD CARE PROGRAM IS INCREASED.

~~(E)~~ (F) A LICENSING AGENCY SHALL PUBLISH NOTICE OF THE ISSUANCE OF A STATEMENT OF NEED IN THE MARYLAND REGISTER.

~~(F) A LICENSING AGENCY SHALL HAVE NONDELEGABLE AUTHORITY TO ISSUE A STATEMENT OF NEED.~~

(G) A LICENSING AGENCY MAY NOT DELEGATE ITS AUTHORITY TO ISSUE A STATEMENT OF NEED.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, on or before October 1, 2008, the Department of Juvenile Services, the Department of Human Resources, and the Governor's Office for Children shall jointly report to the General Assembly, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article:

(1) the processes adopted under this Act for developing a statement of need and for determining and documenting the needs of the children affected by a statement of need;

(2) ways in which the agencies will coordinate the appropriate development of placement resources; and

(3) actions taken and planned to develop resources in underserved areas and resources that match the nature and intensity of the documented, specialized needs of children, including strategies to overcome community resistance.

SECTION ~~2~~ 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2008.

Approved by the Governor, May 13, 2008.

CHAPTER 455

(Senate Bill 789)

AN ACT concerning

Vehicle Laws – Child Safety Seats – Age and Weight Requirements