

HB1574/983023/1

BY: Ways and Means Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 1574
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in lines 2 and 3, strike “**and Workgroup to Study Illegally Provided Child Care**”; strike beginning with “issue” in line 4 down through “information” in line 11 and substitute “establish a certain grace period for the implementation of certain new or substantively amended regulations, subject to certain conditions”; and strike beginning with “requiring” in line 13 down through “State;” in line 20.

On page 2, in line 2, strike “and” and substitute a comma; in the same line, after “9.5–107” insert “, 9.5–306, and 9.5–411”; in line 7, strike “9.5–306,” and substitute “and”; in the same line, strike “, and 9.5–411”; and strike in their entirety lines 10 through 14, inclusive.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 7, in line 3, strike “**IMPLEMENT**” and substitute “**ON OR BEFORE JULY 1, 2027, IMPLEMENT**”.

On page 12, in line 16, strike “**COMPLETE**” and substitute “**BEGINNING JULY 1, 2027, COMPLETE**”.

On pages 3 through 5, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 27 on page 3 through line 22 on page 5, inclusive.

On page 8, in line 26, strike “**AND SUBJECT TO § 9.5–306.1 OF THIS SUBTITLE**”.

On pages 8 through 10, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 30 on page 8 through line 13 on page 10, inclusive.

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On page 11, strike beginning with the first comma in line 23 down through “**THE**” in line 24; and strike beginning with “**(II)**” in line 25 down through “**SUBTITLE;**” in line 28.

On page 12, in line 15, after the semicolon insert “**AND**”; and strike beginning with the semicolon in line 17 down through “**SETTING**” in line 20.

On page 3, strike beginning with “**IF**” in line 12 down through “**TITLE**” in line 19 and substitute “**(1) THIS SUBSECTION APPLIES ONLY TO REGULATIONS ADOPTED ON OR AFTER JULY 1, 2026, THAT ADD NEW REGULATIONS OR SUBSTANTIVELY AMEND EXISTING REGULATIONS.**”

(2) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ESTABLISH A GRACE PERIOD FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF NEW OR AMENDED REGULATIONS ADOPTED UNDER THIS TITLE.

(3) THE DEPARTMENT HAS DISCRETION TO DETERMINE WHEN A GRACE PERIOD MAY OR MAY NOT BE PROVIDED, INCLUDING WHEN:

(I) A REGULATION IS NECESSARY TO PROTECT THE HEALTH OR SAFETY OF CHILDREN; OR

(II) A REGULATION IS NECESSARY TO ENSURE COMPLIANCE WITH FEDERAL LAW”.

On page 14, in line 25, strike “**(1)**”; in line 26, strike “**AND EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION**”; in line 28, in each instance, strike the bracket; and in the same line, strike “**(I)**”.

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On page 15, in line 1, in each instance, strike the bracket; and in the same line, strike “(II)”; and strike in their entirety lines 3 through 11, inclusive.

On pages 16 through 20, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 13 on page 16 through line 30 on page 20, inclusive, and substitute:

“SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

(a) The State Department of Education and the Office of the Child Care Advocacy Council jointly shall review:

- (1) the impact of the rating reductions for Maryland EXCELS; and
- (2) experiential education requirements for child care providers.

(b) In conducting the review, the report from the Office of Program Evaluation and Government Accountability of the Department of Legislative Services titled “Evaluation of the Division of Early Childhood” shall be considered.

(c) On or before December 1, 2027, the Department shall report to the General Assembly, in accordance with § 2–1257 of the State Government Article, on:

- (1) findings from the review; and
- (2) recommendations for statutory or regulatory changes to address workforce and licensing challenges.”.

On page 20, in line 32, strike “3” and substitute “2”.

On page 21, in line 1, strike “2029” and substitute “2028”.