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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Prince George's County Family Child Care Home Expansion Grant Program –**
3 **Establishment**

4 **PG 505–24**

5 FOR the purpose of establishing the Prince George's County Family Child Care Home
6   Expansion Grant Program in the Division of Early Childhood Education in the State
7   Department of Education; requiring the Governor to include in the annual budget
8   bill a certain appropriation to the Program; and generally relating to the Prince
9   George's County Family Child Care Home Expansion Grant Program.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
11   Article – Education
12   Section 9.5–101(a), (d), and (e) and 9.5–301(a), (b), (d), (e), (f), and (g)
13   Annotated Code of Maryland
14   (2022 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

15 BY adding to
16   Article – Education
17   Section 9.5–117
18   Annotated Code of Maryland
19   (2022 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

EXPLANATION: **CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.**
     [Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

1   SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
2 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article – Education

4 9.5–101.

5   (a)   In this title the following words have the meanings indicated.

6   (d)   "Family child care home" has the meaning stated in § 9.5–301 of this title.

7   (e)   "Large family child care home" has the meaning stated in § 9.5–301 of this
8 title.

9 **9.5–117.**

10   **(A)   THIS SECTION APPLIES ONLY IN PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY.**

11   **(B)   (1)   IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS**
12 **INDICATED.**

13   **(2)   "DIVISION" MEANS THE DIVISION OF EARLY CHILDHOOD**
14 **DEVELOPMENT IN THE DEPARTMENT.**

15   **(3)   "FAMILY CHILD CARE PROVIDER" HAS THE MEANING STATED IN §**
16 **9.5–301 OF THIS TITLE.**

17   **(4)   "PROGRAM" MEANS THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY FAMILY**
18 **CHILD CARE HOME EXPANSION GRANT PROGRAM.**

19   **(C)   (1)   THERE IS A PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY FAMILY CHILD CARE**
20 **HOME EXPANSION GRANT PROGRAM.**

21   **(2)   THE PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAM IS TO INCREASE THE NUMBER**
22 **OF REGISTERED FAMILY CHILD CARE PROVIDERS, REGISTERED FAMILY CHILD CARE**
23 **HOMES, AND REGISTERED LARGE FAMILY CHILD CARE HOMES IN LOW–INCOME**
24 **COMMUNITIES IN PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY.**

1   **(3)   THE DIVISION SHALL ADMINISTER THE PROGRAM.**

2   **(D)   (1)   TO CARRY OUT THE PROGRAM, THE DIVISION SHALL AWARD**
3   **GRANTS TO NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS IN PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY TO**
4   **PROVIDE TRAINING AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO INDIVIDUALS INTENDING TO**
5   **BECOME FAMILY CHILD CARE PROVIDERS THAT OPERATE FAMILY CHILD CARE**
6   **HOMES AND LARGE FAMILY CHILD CARE HOMES IN LOW–INCOME COMMUNITIES.**

7   **(2)   TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR A GRANT UNDER THIS SECTION, AN**
8   **APPLICANT SHALL DEMONSTRATE IN AN APPLICATION PROCESS DEVELOPED BY**
9   **THE DIVISION THAT THE APPLICANT:**

10   **(I)   IS A NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION WITH EXPERIENCE IN**
11   **PROVIDING CHILD CARE SUPPORT SERVICES TO INDIVIDUALS, WHICH INCLUDES**
12   **OFFERING TRAINING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO BECOME A REGISTERED**
13   **FAMILY CHILD CARE PROVIDER; AND**

14   **(II)   WILL PROVIDE CHILD CARE SUPPORT SERVICES TO**
15   **INDIVIDUALS WHO:**

16   **1.   INTEND ON BECOMING REGISTERED FAMILY CHILD**
17   **CARE PROVIDERS THAT WILL OPERATE REGISTERED FAMILY CHILD CARE HOMES OR**
18   **REGISTERED LARGE FAMILY CHILD CARE HOMES;**

19   **2.   LIVE IN A LOW–INCOME COMMUNITY IN PRINCE**
20   **GEORGE'S COUNTY, AS DETERMINED BY THE DIVISION;**

21   **3.   HAVE A GROSS HOUSEHOLD INCOME THAT DOES NOT**
22   **EXCEED 50% OF THE STATEWIDE MEDIAN INCOME FOR A HOUSEHOLD OF LIKE SIZE;**
23   **AND**

24   **4.   OWN OR RENT AS THEIR PRIMARY RESIDENCE THE**
25   **DWELLING THAT WILL BE USED AS THE FAMILY CHILD CARE HOME OR LARGE**
26   **FAMILY CHILD CARE HOME.**

27   **(E)   A GRANT AWARDED UNDER THIS SECTION MAY BE USED TO OFFER**
28   **SERVICES TO INDIVIDUALS DESCRIBED UNDER SUBSECTION (D)(2)(II) OF THIS**

1   **SECTION BY:**

2   **(1) PROVIDING MULTILINGUAL OUTREACH AND TRANSLATION**
3   **SERVICES TO RECRUIT AND TRAIN INDIVIDUALS TO BECOME REGISTERED FAMILY**
4   **CHILD CARE PROVIDERS;**

5   **(2) PROVIDING TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND START–UP ASSISTANCE**
6   **FOR RECRUITED INDIVIDUALS AS THEY NAVIGATE THE DEPARTMENT'S PROCESS TO**
7   **BECOME A REGISTERED FAMILY CHILD CARE PROVIDER, WHICH INCLUDES**
8   **ASSISTANCE IN MEETING BUILDING CODE REQUIREMENTS AND INSPECTION**
9   **EXPENSES TO ESTABLISH REGISTERED FAMILY CHILD CARE HOMES AND**
10   **REGISTERED LARGE FAMILY CHILD CARE HOMES;**

11   **(3) ASSISTING NEWLY REGISTERED AND ESTABLISHED FAMILY CHILD**
12   **CARE PROVIDERS THROUGH TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO ACHIEVE QUALITY**
13   **BENCHMARKS; AND**

14   **(4) ASSISTING INDIVIDUALS WITH OBTAINING BACKGROUND CHECKS**
15   **TO BECOME REGISTERED FAMILY CHILD CARE PROVIDERS.**

16   **(F) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026 AND EACH FISCAL YEAR THEREAFTER, THE**
17   **GOVERNOR SHALL INCLUDE IN THE ANNUAL BUDGET BILL AN APPROPRIATION OF**
18   **$500,000 TO THE PROGRAM.**

19   9.5–301.

20   (a)   In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.

21   (b)   "Child care provider" means the adult who has primary responsibility for the
22   operation of a family child care home or a large family child care home.

23   (d)   "Family child care" means the care given to a child under the age of 13 years
24   or to any developmentally disabled person under the age of 21 years, in place of parental
25   care for less than 24 hours a day, in a residence other than the child's residence, for which
26   the child care provider is paid.

27   (e)   "Family child care home" means a residence in which family child care is
28   provided for up to eight children.

1   (f)   "Family child care provider" means an individual who cares for children in a
2 registered family child care home or a registered large family child care home.

3   (g)   "Large family child care home" means a residence in which family child care
4 is provided for at least nine children, but not more than 12 children.

5   SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
6 October 1, 2024.