

serve two-year terms concurrent with their individual terms on the local review board.

The Administrator is appointed by the State Board with the approval of the Secretary of Human Resources.

Local review board members are appointed by the Governor for four-year terms. There are five members and two alternates on each local board.

Every six months, the local boards review cases of children who have resided in foster care for more than six months to determine what efforts have been made towards their permanent placement. For each child reviewed, a recommendation is sent to the local department of social services and the juvenile court. With the concurrence of the Social Services Administration, the State Board may establish categories of foster children for whom a satisfactory permanent arrangement has been made and who may be exempt from local review.

CHILD CARE ADMINISTRATION

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In 1988, the General Assembly authorized the Secretary of Human Resources to adopt rules and regulations for the licensing and operation of child care centers (Chapter 247, Acts of 1988). This regulatory authority ensures that children in child care centers have safe and sanitary conditions; proper care, protection, and supervision; good health; sound growth and development; and a homelike environment.

The Child Care Administration originated as the Office of Child Care Licensing and Regulation established as part of the Department of Human Resources in 1988 (Chapter 247, Acts of 1988). In December 1990, the Office merged with the Child Care Unit of the Social Services Administration to form the Child Care Administration.

The Administration regulates and licenses child care centers, family day care homes, and nonpublic nursery schools. It also administers the child care subsidy payment program for eligible families. The Administration may suspend, revoke, or deny licenses to child care facilities. To increase the number of child care facilities in Maryland, the Administration works with consumers and advocacy groups (Code Family Law Article, secs. 5-570 through 5-588).

CHILD CARE ADMINISTRATION ADVISORY COUNCIL

Appointed by Secretary of Human Resources (who also designates chair): not yet appointed

Appointed by Senate President: one vacancy

Appointed by House Speaker: one vacancy

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Formed in 1991, the Child Care Administration Advisory Council serves as an advisory body to the Child Care Administration on child care regulations, issues and problems, and interagency priorities.

The Council is composed of at least twenty-one members but not more than twenty-five members. These include a member of the Senate appointed by the Senate President and a member of the House of Delegates appointed by the House Speaker. All other members are appointed by the Secretary of Human Resources (Code Family Law Article, secs. 5-590 through 5-593).

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