

Department of Human Resources; authorizing the Department to award grants as an incentive for child care providers to improve the quality of care being provided to children through the purchase of supplies, materials, and equipment; establishing eligibility and application requirements; authorizing the Department to set the terms and conditions for direct incentive grants ~~and to establish certain priorities~~; making it a misdemeanor, subject to certain penalties, to make or cause certain false statements; defining certain terms; and generally relating to the Child Care Quality Incentive Grant Program.

BY adding to

Article - Family Law

Section 5-594 through 5-594.8, inclusive, to be under the new part "Part X. Child Care Quality Incentive Grant Program"

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1999 Replacement Volume and 2001 Supplement)

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

**Article - Family Law**

**PART X. CHILD CARE QUALITY INCENTIVE GRANT PROGRAM.**

5-594.

(A) IN THIS PART THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

(B) "CHILD CARE CENTER" HAS THE MEANING STATED IN § 5-570 OF THIS SUBTITLE.

(C) "CHILD CARE PROVIDER" MEANS A FAMILY DAY CARE PROVIDER OR A CHILD CARE CENTER.

(D) "DIRECT INCENTIVE GRANT" MEANS A GRANT AWARDED UNDER THE CHILD CARE QUALITY INCENTIVE GRANT PROGRAM.

(E) "FAMILY DAY CARE PROVIDER" HAS THE MEANING STATED IN § 5-559(D) OF THIS TITLE.

5-594.1.

(A) THERE IS A CHILD CARE QUALITY INCENTIVE GRANT PROGRAM ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT.

(B) TO ADMINISTER DIRECT INCENTIVE GRANTS TO CHILD CARE PROVIDERS, THE DEPARTMENT MAY CONTRACT WITH STATE AGENCIES AND NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS.