

SENATE BILL 765

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CF HB 809

By: **Senators Zucker, Folden, Gallion, Smith, and Waldstreicher**

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Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Out-of-Home Placement Providers – Maximum Number of Children**
3 **– Exemption**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the Department of Human Services to adopt regulations
5 setting the maximum number of children that may be placed with an out-of-home
6 placement provider; establishing an exemption from the limitation on the number of
7 children that may be placed with an out-of-home placement provider under certain
8 circumstances; and generally relating to the placement of children in out-of-home
9 care.

10 BY adding to
11 Article – Family Law
12 Section 5–525.3
13 Annotated Code of Maryland
14 (2019 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

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

Article – Family Law

18 **5–525.3.**

19 (A) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION, THE
20 DEPARTMENT SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS SETTING THE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF
21 CHILDREN THAT MAY BE PLACED WITH AN OUT-OF-HOME PLACEMENT PROVIDER.

22 (B) THE LIMITATION ON THE NUMBER OF CHILDREN PLACED WITH AN
23 OUT-OF-HOME PLACEMENT PROVIDER IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUBSECTION (A) OF

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 THIS SECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO A CHILD ENROLLED IN AN ACCREDITED
2 INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION:

3 (1) WHO IS UNABLE TO REMAIN ON THE INSTITUTION'S CAMPUS DUE
4 TO A SCHEDULED BREAK, A TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF THE INSTITUTION, OR A
5 TEMPORARY LEAVE OF ABSENCE; AND

6 (2) WHOSE LIVING ARRANGEMENT IN THE HOME IS MUTUALLY
7 AGREED TO BY THE CHILD, THE OUT-OF-HOME PLACEMENT PROVIDER, AND THE
8 PROVIDER AGENCY.

9 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
10 1, 2025.