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BY: Committee on Ways and Means

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 392
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 2, before “**Child**” insert “**Family Child Care Homes, Large Family Child Care Homes, and**”; in line 5, after “date,” insert “family child care homes, large family child care homes, and”; in lines 6, 7, and 8, in each instance, after the first “the” insert “home or”; in line 10, after the first “a” insert “home or”; in line 12, after “of” insert “certain provisions of”; and in line 16, after “Section” insert “9.5-310.1 and”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, in line 9, strike “EVALUATE” and substitute “SCREEN”; and in line 12, strike “EVALUATED” and substitute “SCREENED”; and in lines 13, 28, and 32, in each instance, strike “EVALUATION” and substitute “SCREENING”.

On pages 2 and 3, strike beginning with “IN” in line 33 on page 2 down through “SEE” in line 1 on page 3 and substitute “THROUGH A PERSONAL MESSAGE TO A PARENT OR GUARDIAN, INCLUDING THROUGH AN E-MAIL, A TEXT, OR A TELEPHONE CALL”.

On page 3, in line 3, strike “AN EVALUATION” and substitute “A SCREENING”; in line 4, after “FROM” insert “ANY”; and in line 5, after “LIABILITY” insert “THAT MAY ARISE OUT OF THE SCREENING”.

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 1, after line 21, insert:

“9.5-310.1.

(Over)

(A) ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 1, 2022, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ESTABLISH GUIDELINES FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENTAL SCREENINGS FOR CHILDREN UNDER THE AGE OF 3 YEARS TO BE USED BY A FAMILY CHILD CARE HOME AND A LARGE FAMILY CHILD CARE HOME TO:

(1) ASSESS A CHILD'S PROGRESS THROUGH FOUNDATIONAL EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT MILESTONES; AND

(2) SCREEN FOR POTENTIAL DISABILITIES.

(B) (1) BEGINNING JULY 1, 2022, EACH FAMILY CHILD CARE HOME AND LARGE FAMILY CHILD CARE HOME SHALL OFFER THE PARENT OR GUARDIAN OF EACH CHILD UNDER THE AGE OF 3 YEARS WHO ENTERS CARE AT THE HOME TO SCREEN THE CHILD USING THE GUIDELINES DEVELOPED UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION.

(2) IF A PARENT OR GUARDIAN ACCEPTS THE OFFER FOR THE CHILD TO BE SCREENED, AN EMPLOYEE OF THE FAMILY CHILD CARE HOME OR THE LARGE FAMILY CHILD CARE HOME SHALL SHARE THE RESULTS OF THE SCREENING WITH THE PARENT OR GUARDIAN.

(3) AN EMPLOYEE OF THE FAMILY CHILD CARE HOME OR LARGE FAMILY CHILD CARE HOME SHALL MAKE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO THE PARENT OR GUARDIAN OF EACH CHILD UNDER THE AGE OF 3 YEARS AT THE HOME:

(I) INFORMATION ABOUT THE MARYLAND INFANTS AND TODDLERS PROGRAM; AND

(II) CONTACT INFORMATION FOR THE LOCAL LEAD AGENCY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE MARYLAND INFANTS AND TODDLERS PROGRAM.

(4) IF A PARENT OR GUARDIAN EXPRESSES INTEREST IN CONTACTING THE LOCAL LEAD AGENCY FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE MARYLAND INFANTS AND TODDLERS PROGRAM, AN EMPLOYEE OF THE FAMILY

CHILD CARE HOME OR LARGE FAMILY CHILD CARE HOME SHALL OFFER ASSISTANCE IN CONTACTING THE AGENCY, INCLUDING ARRANGING FOR A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE AGENCY TO COME TO THE HOME TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO THE CHILD.

(C) (1) EACH FAMILY CHILD CARE HOME AND LARGE FAMILY CHILD CARE HOME SHALL OFFER THE SCREENING AND ASSISTANCE DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION TO PARENTS AND GUARDIANS AT LEAST TWO TIMES EACH YEAR.

(2) A FAMILY CHILD CARE HOME OR A LARGE FAMILY CHILD CARE HOME MAY MEET THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SUBSECTION BY COMMUNICATING THE EXISTENCE OF THE SCREENING AND ASSISTANCE DESCRIBED UNDER SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION THROUGH A PERSONAL MESSAGE TO A PARENT OR GUARDIAN, INCLUDING THROUGH AN E-MAIL, A TEXT, OR A TELEPHONE CALL.

(D) EXCEPT FOR ANY WILLFUL OR GROSSLY NEGLIGENT ACT, AN EMPLOYEE WHO OFFERS A SCREENING UNDER THIS SECTION IN GOOD FAITH TO A CHILD IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE DEPARTMENT'S GUIDELINES IS IMMUNE FROM ANY CIVIL LIABILITY THAT MAY ARISE OUT OF THE SCREENING."