

# HOUSE BILL 1330

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By: **Chair, Judiciary Committee (By Request – Departmental – Education)**

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Assigned to: Rules and Executive Nominations

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Criminal History Records Checks – Informal Child Care Providers**

3 FOR the purpose of altering certain provisions of law relating to individuals required  
4 to obtain a criminal history records check; requiring an adult known to be  
5 residing in an informal child care provider's home to obtain a criminal history  
6 records check; requiring certain informal child care providers to obtain a  
7 criminal history records check; requiring the Department of Public Safety and  
8 Correctional services to provide certain applicants' State criminal records to the  
9 State Department of Education; providing for a delayed effective date; and  
10 generally relating to criminal history records checks of individuals who care for  
11 or supervise children.

12 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
13 Article – Family Law  
14 Section 5–561(c), 5–562(a), and 5–564(b)  
15 Annotated Code of Maryland  
16 (2006 Replacement Volume and 2011 Supplement)

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

19 **Article – Family Law**  
20 5–561.

21 (c) The following individuals shall obtain a criminal history records check  
22 under this Part VI of this subtitle:

23 (1) an individual who is seeking to adopt a child through a child  
24 placement agency;

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (2) an individual who is seeking to become a guardian through a local  
2 department;

3 (3) an individual whom the juvenile court appoints as a guardian of a  
4 child;

5 (4) an adult relative with whom a child, committed to a local  
6 department, is placed by the local department;

7 (5) any adult known by a local department **OR THE STATE**  
8 **DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION** to be residing in:

9 (i) a family child care home or large family child care home  
10 required to be registered under this title;

11 **(II) A HOME WHERE INFORMAL CHILD CARE, AS DEFINED IN**  
12 **CHILD CARE SUBSIDY REGULATIONS ADOPTED UNDER TITLE 13A OF THE CODE**  
13 **OF MARYLAND REGULATIONS, IS BEING PROVIDED OR WILL BE PROVIDED TO A**  
14 **CHILD WHO DOES NOT RESIDE THERE;**

15 **[(ii)] (III)** a home of an adult relative of a child with whom the  
16 child, committed to a local department, is placed by the local department;

17 **[(iii)] (IV)** a foster care home or child care home required to be  
18 approved under this title;

19 **[(iv)] (V)** a home of an individual seeking to adopt a child  
20 through a child placement agency; or

21 **[(v)] (VI)** a home of an individual seeking to become a guardian  
22 through a local department; **[and]**

23 **(6) AN INDIVIDUAL WHO AGREES TO PROVIDE, OR TO CONTINUE**  
24 **PROVIDING, INFORMAL CHILD CARE, AS DEFINED IN CHILD CARE SUBSIDY**  
25 **REGULATIONS, ADOPTED UNDER TITLE 13A OF THE CODE OF MARYLAND**  
26 **REGULATIONS; AND**

27 **[(6)] (7)** if requested by a local department:

28 (i) a parent or guardian of a child who is committed to the local  
29 department and is or has been placed in an out-of-home placement within the past  
30 year; and

31 (ii) any adult known by the local department to be residing in  
32 the home of the parent or guardian.

1 5-562.

2 (a) (1) On or before the 1st day of actual employment, an employee shall  
3 apply to the Department for a printed statement.

4 (2) On or before the 1st day of actual operation of a facility identified  
5 in § 5-561 of this subtitle, an employer shall apply to the Department for a printed  
6 statement.

7 **(3) (I) BEFORE AN INDIVIDUAL MAY BE APPROVED TO**  
8 **PROVIDE OR TO CONTINUE PROVIDING INFORMAL CHILD CARE, AS DEFINED IN**  
9 **CHILD CARE SUBSIDY REGULATIONS ADOPTED UNDER TITLE 13A OF THE CODE**  
10 **OF MARYLAND REGULATIONS, THE INDIVIDUAL SHALL APPLY TO THE**  
11 **DEPARTMENT FOR A PRINTED STATEMENT.**

12 **(II) AN INDIVIDUAL WHO WAS APPROVED BEFORE JANUARY**  
13 **1, 2013, TO PROVIDE INFORMAL CHILD CARE AND WHO INTENDS TO CONTINUE**  
14 **PROVIDING INFORMAL CHILD CARE ON OR AFTER THAT DATE HAS UNTIL JUNE**  
15 **30, 2013, TO APPLY TO THE DEPARTMENT FOR A PRINTED STATEMENT.**

16 **[(3)] (4)** Within 5 days after a local department places a child who is  
17 committed to the local department with an adult relative, an individual identified in §  
18 5-561(c) or (e) of this subtitle shall apply to the Department for a printed statement.

19 **Article – Family Law**

20 5-564.

21 (b) (1) The Department shall provide an initial and a revised statement of  
22 the applicant's State criminal record to:

23 (i) the recipients of the printed statement specified in  
24 subsection (c) of this section; and

25 (ii) the State Department of Education if the applicant is [an  
26 employee of]:

27 1. **AN EMPLOYEE OF, OR AN ADULT RESIDENT IN,** a  
28 child care center that is required to be licensed or to hold a letter of compliance under  
29 Part VII of this subtitle; [or]

30 2. **AN EMPLOYEE OF, OR AN ADULT RESIDENT IN,** a  
31 family child care home or large family child care home that is required to be registered  
32 under Part V of this subtitle; **OR**

1                                   **3. AN INDIVIDUAL WHO PROVIDES OR AGREES TO**  
2 **PROVIDE INFORMAL CHILD CARE OR AN ADULT WHO RESIDES IN A HOME WHERE**  
3 **INFORMAL CHILD CARE IS BEING PROVIDED OR WILL BE PROVIDED TO A CHILD**  
4 **WHO DOES NOT RESIDE THERE.**

5                                   (2) The Department shall distribute the printed statement in  
6 accordance with federal law and regulations on dissemination of FBI identification  
7 records.

8                                   SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
9 January 1, 2013.