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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **State Residential Centers for Developmentally Disabled Individuals**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring that at least one of the State residential centers that serve
4 the needs of individuals with developmental disabilities be located in certain
5 geographic areas of the State; requiring the Governor to include in the annual State
6 budget certain funding; providing for the effective date of this Act; and generally
7 relating to State residential centers for developmentally disabled individuals.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
9 Article - Health - General
10 Section 7-501(a)
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (1994 Replacement Volume and 1995 Supplement)

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

15 **Article - Health - General**

16 7-501.

17 (a) (1) There are State residential centers for individuals with mental
18 retardation in the Developmental Disabilities Administration.

19 (2) AT LEAST ONE OF THE STATE RESIDENTIAL CENTERS THAT SERVE
20 THE NEEDS OF INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES SHALL BE
21 LOCATED IN THE SOUTHERN MARYLAND REGION, CONSISTING OF ANNE ARUNDEL,
22 CALVERT, CHARLES, AND ST. MARY'S COUNTIES, OR IN THE WASHINGTON
23 SUBURBAN REGION, CONSISTING OF MONTGOMERY AND PRINCE GEORGE'S
24 COUNTIES.

25 (3) THE GOVERNOR SHALL INCLUDE IN THE ANNUAL BUDGET STATE
26 GENERAL FUNDS SUFFICIENT TO COVER THE COST OF OPERATING A STATE
27 RESIDENTIAL CENTER LOCATED IN THE SOUTHERN MARYLAND REGION OR IN THE
28 WASHINGTON SUBURBAN REGION AS DESCRIBED IN PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS
29 SUBSECTION.

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1 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
2 June 1, 1996.