

Chapter 350

(House Bill 72)

AN ACT concerning

State Board for Certification of Residential Child Care Program Professionals – Sunset Extension and Program Evaluation

FOR the purpose of continuing the State Board for Certification of Residential Child Care Program Professionals in accordance with the provisions of the Maryland Program Evaluation Act (sunset law) by extending to a certain date the termination provisions relating to the statutory and regulatory authority of the Board; requiring that an evaluation of the Board and the statutes and regulations that relate to the Board be performed on or before a certain date; requiring the Board to submit certain reports that address certain issues to certain committees of the General Assembly on or before certain dates; and generally relating to the State Board for Certification of Residential Child Care Program Professionals.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Health Occupations
Section 20–502
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2009 Replacement Volume and 2011 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – State Government
Section 8–403(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2009 Replacement Volume and 2011 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – State Government
Section 8–403(b)(61)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2009 Replacement Volume and 2011 Supplement)

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

Article – Health Occupations

20–502.

Subject to the evaluation and reestablishment provisions of the Program Evaluation Act, this title and all regulations adopted under this title shall terminate and be of no effect after July 1, [2014] **2024**.

Article – State Government

8–403.

(a) On or before December 15 of the 2nd year before the evaluation date of a governmental activity or unit, the Legislative Policy Committee, based on a preliminary evaluation, may waive as unnecessary the evaluation required under this section.

(b) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (a) of this section, on or before the evaluation date for the following governmental activities or units, an evaluation shall be made of the following governmental activities or units and the statutes and regulations that relate to the governmental activities or units:

(61) Residential Child Care Program Professionals, State Board for Certification of (§ 20–202 of the Health Occupations Article: July 1, [2013] **2023**);

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

(a) Beginning on or before October 1, 2013, and annually thereafter until the certification of residential child and youth care practitioners has been implemented for a full biennial certification cycle, the State Board for Certification of Residential Child Care Program Professionals shall submit a report to the Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee and the House Health and Government Operations Committee in accordance with § 2–1246 of the State Government Article.

(b) Each report required under subsection (a) of this section shall update both committees on the Board's progress in implementing the certification of residential child and youth care practitioners.

(c) The Board's final report, to be submitted to both committees within 90 days after residential child and youth care practitioners have been certified for a full biennial certification cycle, shall address:

(1) the need, if any, for changes to Board membership based on the number of residential child and youth care practitioners certified by the Board; and

(2) the outlook for the Board to become self-supporting (special funded) in the future based on:

(i) the number of residential child and youth care practitioners certified by the Board;

(ii) the number of full-time equivalent or contractual personnel hired by the Board; and

(iii) the Board's actual and projected revenues and expenditures.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2012.

Approved by the Governor, May 2, 2012.