

SENATE BILL 939

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CF HB 1307

By: **Senator Muse**

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Assigned to: Rules

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Juvenile Services – Group Homes and Institutions – Notice**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Department of Juvenile Services to provide a certain
4 notice to a certain law enforcement agency before contracting with a certain
5 group home or institution for the placement of certain children; and generally
6 relating to group homes and institutions for juveniles.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
8 Article – Human Services
9 Section 9–231
10 Annotated Code of Maryland
11 (2007 Volume and 2012 Supplement)

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

14 **Article – Human Services**

15 9–231.

16 (a) The Department may place children in group homes and institutions
17 operated by nonprofit or for-profit entities to provide for their care, diagnosis,
18 training, education, and rehabilitation.

19 (b) (1) The Department shall reimburse the entities described in
20 subsection (a) of this section for the cost of the services at appropriate monthly rates
21 that the Department determines, as provided in the State budget.

22 (2) The Department may establish different reimbursement rates for
23 homes and institutions that provide intermediate services and homes and institutions
24 that provide full services.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (c) The Department may not place a child in a group home or other
2 residential facility that is not operating in compliance with applicable State licensing
3 laws.

4 **(D) BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT MAY CONTRACT WITH A GROUP HOME**
5 **OR AN INSTITUTION OPERATED BY A NONPROFIT OR FOR-PROFIT ENTITY FOR**
6 **THE PLACEMENT OF CHILDREN UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE**
7 **DEPARTMENT, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL SEND NOTIFICATION OF THE**
8 **DEPARTMENT'S INTENT TO THE HEAD OF THE LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY**
9 **WITH PRIMARY JURISDICTION OVER THE POLITICAL SUBDIVISION IN WHICH**
10 **THE GROUP HOME OR INSTITUTION IS LOCATED.**

11 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
12 October 1, 2013.