

Chapter 411

(Senate Bill 58)

AN ACT concerning

**State Board for Certification of Residential Child Care Program Professionals –
Revisions**

FOR the purpose of repealing an erroneous provision of law regarding immunity from liability for participating in the activities of the State Board for Certification of Residential Child Care Program Professionals; repealing the requirement that the Board adopt certain regulations for approved training programs for residential child and youth care practitioners; repealing the requirement that the Board post a list of approved residential child care training programs on its website; making a conforming change; and generally relating to the State Board for Certification of Residential Child Care Program Professionals.

BY repealing

Article – Health Occupations
Section 20–207 and 20–302.2
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2017 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Health Occupations
Section 20–208 and 20–302.1(f)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2017 Supplement)

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

Article – Health Occupations

[20–207.

A person shall have the immunity from liability described under § 5–710 of the Courts Article for giving information to the Board or otherwise participating in its activities.]

[20–208.] **20–207.**

A person shall have immunity from the liability described under § 5–723 of the Courts Article for giving information to the Board or otherwise participating in its activities.

20–302.1.

(f) (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, the applicant shall have successfully completed a training program approved [under § 20–302.2 of this subtitle] **BY THE BOARD**.

(2) (i) An applicant who has an associate’s or bachelor’s degree from an accredited college or university may be waived from the training program requirement, if the applicant passes an examination and meets other requirements established by the Board under this subtitle.

(ii) The Board shall establish requirements and procedures for waiving the training program requirement for an applicant under subparagraph (i) of this paragraph.

[20–302.2.

(a) The Board shall adopt regulations for approved training programs for residential child and youth care practitioners.

(b) Successful completion of an approved training program shall prepare an individual for certification as a residential child and youth care practitioner.

(c) The regulations shall:

(1) Require an approved training program to provide a fundamental working knowledge of the varied aspects of performing the direct responsibilities related to activities of daily living, self–help, and socialization to children and youth in residential child care programs;

(2) Establish a process for approving residential child and youth care practitioner training programs; and

(3) Establish the contact hours, curriculum, format, and fees for approved training programs.

(d) The Board shall post a list of approved training programs on its Web site.]

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2018.

Approved by the Governor, May 8, 2018.