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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Behavioral Health Services and Voluntary Placement Agreements – Children**
3 **and Young Adults – Report Modifications**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring that the Director of the Behavioral Health Administration’s
5 annual report on behavioral health services for children and young adults in the
6 State include certain information relating to outpatient and substance–related
7 disorders program services by children and young adults and behavioral health
8 services provided through telehealth; altering the scope of certain data required to
9 be included in the report; requiring that certain data in the report be grouped by race
10 and ethnicity; requiring that the Social Services Administration’s annual report on
11 voluntary placement agreements for children and young adults include certain
12 information relating to agreements requested for certain children with a
13 developmental disability and the type of placement recommended for agreements
14 that were approved; making a technical correction; and generally relating to
15 behavioral health services and voluntary placement agreements for children and
16 young adults.

17 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
18 Article – Health – General
19 Section 7.5–209
20 Annotated Code of Maryland
21 (2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

22 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
23 Article – Family Law

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 Section 5–505.1
 2 Annotated Code of Maryland
 3 (2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

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

6 **Article – Health – General**

7 7.5–209.

8 (a) In consultation with interested stakeholders, the Director shall prepare an
 9 annual report on behavioral health services for children and young adults in the State.

10 (b) The report shall include:

11 (1) The number and the percentage of children and young adults who,
 12 during the reported year:

13 (i) Were eligible for public behavioral health services; [and]

14 (ii) Used a public behavioral health service, including:

15 **1. AN OUTPATIENT SERVICE;**

16 [1.] **2.** An inpatient service;

17 [2.] **3.** An emergency room service;

18 [3.] **4.** A residential treatment center service; [and]

19 [4.] **5.** An intensive public behavioral health service, including
 20 targeted or mental health case management services, respite care services, services
 21 provided under § 1915(i) of the Social Security Act, and psychiatric rehabilitation services;
 22 **AND**

23 **6. A SUBSTANCE–RELATED DISORDERS PROGRAM**
 24 **SERVICE; AND**

25 **(III) USED A PUBLIC BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICE PROVIDED**
 26 **THROUGH TELEHEALTH;**

27 (2) The total expenditure and expenditure per child and young adult using
 28 a public behavioral health service, including:

29 **(I) AN OUTPATIENT SERVICE;**

1 [(i)] **(II)** An inpatient service;

2 [(ii)] **(III)** An emergency room service;

3 [(iii)] **(IV)** A residential treatment center service; [and]

4 [(iv)] **(V)** An intensive community service[.]; **AND**

5 **(VI) A SUBSTANCE-RELATED DISORDERS PROGRAM SERVICE;**

6 (3) The total cost per child or young adult for all behavioral health services
7 provided to the child or young adult;

8 (4) The total expenditure and expenditure per child and young adult for:

9 (i) Targeted case management services;

10 (ii) Respite care services;

11 (iii) Services provided through a plan under § 1915(i) of the Social
12 Security Act; and

13 (iv) Psychiatric rehabilitation services;

14 (5) The [average] **MEDIAN** length of time children and young adults spent:

15 (i) In the hospital emergency room pending psychiatric inpatient
16 hospitalization; and

17 (ii) Waiting for placement in a residential treatment center from the
18 date of the referral, **AS DETERMINED BY THE REFERRAL SOURCE**, to the date of the
19 placement;

20 (6) The number of children and young adults who were readmitted [for a
21 30-day admission] **WITHIN 30 DAYS** at:

22 (i) The same hospital;

23 (ii) The same residential treatment center; or

24 (iii) Any other hospital or residential treatment center;

25 (7) The [average] **MEDIAN** length of stay for children and young adults at:

26 (i) A residential treatment center; [and]

1 (ii) A psychiatric unit at a hospital; and

2 (III) A RESIDENTIAL SUBSTANCE-RELATED DISORDERS
3 PROGRAM; AND

4 (8) For residential treatment centers:

5 (I) THE TOTAL NUMBER OF CHILDREN AND YOUNG ADULTS
6 ADMITTED DURING THE REPORT YEAR; AND

7 [(i)] (II) The total number of children and young adults discharged
8 [; and

9 (ii) The number of residents at the end of the year who are children
10 or young adults] DURING THE REPORT YEAR.

11 (c) The report shall group the information required under subsection (b) of this
12 section by jurisdiction and by the following age groups:

13 (1) Birth through 6 years old;

14 (2) 7 through 12 years old;

15 (3) 13 through 17 years old;

16 (4) 18 through 21 years old; and

17 (5) 22 through 25 years old.

18 (D) THE REPORT SHALL GROUP THE INFORMATION REQUIRED UNDER
19 SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION BY THE FOLLOWING RACES AND ETHNIC GROUPS:

20 (1) HISPANIC OR LATINO OF ANY RACE; AND

21 (2) FOR INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE NON-HISPANIC OR NON-LATINO:

22 (I) AMERICAN INDIAN OR ALASKAN NATIVE;

23 (II) ASIAN;

24 (III) BLACK OR AFRICAN AMERICAN;

25 (IV) NATIVE HAWAIIAN OR OTHER PACIFIC ISLANDER;

1 (V) WHITE; OR

2 (VI) TWO OR MORE RACES.

3 [(d)] (E) On or before December 1 each year, the Director shall submit the report
4 required under this section to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1257 of the State
5 Government Article, the General Assembly.

6 **Article – Family Law**

7 5-505.1.

8 (a) In consultation with interested stakeholders, the Administration shall
9 prepare an annual report on voluntary placement agreements for children and young adults
10 in the State.

11 (b) The report shall include:

12 (1) the total number of voluntary placement agreements that were:

13 (i) approved;

14 (ii) denied; [and]

15 (iii) requested for behavioral health reasons, including voluntary
16 placement agreements that were requested for children with a developmental disability
17 who are also diagnosed with a behavioral health disorder; AND

18 (IV) REQUESTED FOR CHILDREN WITH A DEVELOPMENTAL
19 DISABILITY WHO ARE NOT ALSO DIAGNOSED WITH A BEHAVIORAL HEALTH
20 DISORDER;

21 (2) the reason for any denials; and

22 (3) for voluntary placement agreements that were approved, the type of
23 PLACEMENT RECOMMENDED AND THE TYPE OF initial placement, including:

24 (i) residential treatment center;

25 (ii) group home placement;

26 (iii) therapeutic group home;

27 (iv) diagnostic placement;

28 (v) therapeutic foster home; and

1 (vi) any other type of placement.

2 (c) The report shall group the information required under subsection (b) of this
3 section by the following regions:

4 (1) Baltimore region, consisting of Baltimore City, Baltimore County, and
5 Harford County;

6 (2) Eastern Shore, consisting of Caroline County, Cecil County, Dorchester
7 County, Kent County, Queen Anne's County, Somerset County, Talbot County, Wicomico
8 County, and Worcester County;

9 (3) Metro Region, consisting of Howard County, Montgomery County, and
10 Prince George's County;

11 (4) Southern Maryland, consisting of Anne Arundel County, Calvert
12 County, Charles County, and St. Mary's County; and

13 (5) Western Maryland, consisting of Allegany County, Carroll County,
14 Frederick County, Garrett County, and Washington County.

15 (d) On or before December 1 each year, the Administration shall submit the report
16 required under this section to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1257 of the State
17 Government Article, the General Assembly.

18 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
19 October 1, 2021.

Approved:

Governor.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.

President of the Senate.