

**Department of Legislative Services**  
Maryland General Assembly  
2024 Session

**FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE**  
**Third Reader**

Senate Bill 237

(Chair, Finance Committee)(By Request - Departmental -  
Health)

Finance

Health and Government Operations

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**State Board for Certification of Residential Child Care Program Professionals -  
Sunset Extension**

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This departmental bill extends the termination date for the State Board for Certification of Residential Child Care Program Professionals by three years to July 1, 2028, subject to the evaluation and reestablishment provisions of the Maryland Program Evaluation Act (MPEA). **The bill takes effect July 1, 2024.**

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** General fund revenues and expenditures for the board are maintained through FY 2028.

**Local Effect:** None.

**Small Business Effect:** The Maryland Department of Health (MDH) has determined that this bill has minimal or no impact on small business (attached). The Department of Legislative Services (DLS) concurs with this assessment.

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**Analysis**

**Current Law/Background:** The State Board for Certification of Residential Child Care Program Professionals is the State certification authority for residential child care program administrators (RCCPAs) and residential child and youth care practitioners (RCYCPs) employed by programs licensed by the Department of Human Services, the Department of Juvenile Services, and MDH.

The board consists of 11 members, including five representatives appointed by the secretaries of various State agencies involved in the licensing and monitoring of residential child care programs. The remaining six members are appointed by the Governor with the advice of the Secretary of Health. Of these six members, three are RCCPAs, one is an RCYCP, and two are consumers.

The board must maintain a registry of RCCPAs and RCYCPs certified by the board, submit an annual report to the Governor and the Children’s Cabinet, adopt a code of ethics appropriate and applicable to RCCPAs and RCYCPs, establish continuing education requirements for RCCPAs, establish training and continuing education requirements for RCYCPs, and adopt an official seal. According to the board’s most recent [annual report](#), as of June 30, 2022, there were 959 active RCYCPs and 67 active RCCPAs.

The board is one of approximately 60 regulatory entities and activities subject to termination unless reauthorized periodically through statute. Under MPEA, these entities may also be subject to an evaluation by the Office of Program Evaluation and Government Accountability (OPEGA) within DLS prior to their termination. However, OPEGA may conduct an evaluation only if directed by specified entities or by legislation. The board is scheduled to terminate July 1, 2025. OPEGA was not asked to conduct an evaluation prior to its termination. Accordingly, the board has requested reauthorizing legislation.

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### **Additional Information**

**Recent Prior Introductions:** Similar legislation has been introduced within the last three years. See SB 731 of 2023.

**Designated Cross File:** None.

**Information Source(s):** Maryland Department of Health; Department of Legislative Services

**Fiscal Note History:** First Reader - January 11, 2024  
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**ANALYSIS OF ECONOMIC IMPACT ON SMALL BUSINESSES**  
**Maryland Department of Health**  
**Session 2024**

**BILL TITLE:** State Board for Certification of Residential Child Care Program  
Professionals – Sunset Extension  
**BILL NUMBER:** SB0237  
**PREPARED BY:**  
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Residential Child Care Program Professionals

**PART A. ECONOMIC IMPACT RATING**

This agency estimates that the proposed bill:

WILL HAVE MINIMAL OR NO ECONOMIC IMPACT ON MARYLAND SMALL  
BUSINESS

OR

WILL HAVE MEANINGFUL ECONOMIC IMPACT ON MARYLAND SMALL  
BUSINESSES

**PART B. ECONOMIC IMPACT ANALYSIS**

The proposal has no economic impact.