

SB 237 - State Board for Certification of Resident

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January 15, 2024

The Honorable Pamela Beidle
Chair, Senate Finance Committee
3 East Miller Senate Building
Annapolis, MD 21401-1991

RE: SB 237 – State Board for Certification of Residential Child Care Program Professionals - Sunset Extension – Letter of Support

Dear Chair Beidle and Committee Members:

The Maryland Department of Health respectfully submits this letter of support for Senate Bill 237 - State Board for Certification of Residential Child Care Program Professionals - Sunset Extension. This legislation extends the sunset date of the Board from July 1, 2025 to July 1, 2028.

The Department is taking a uniform approach to recommended sunset extensions for our independent health occupations boards. A more thorough evaluation of the Health Occupations Boards is needed at this time to assess ongoing concerns related to licensure, technology, and administrative functions. MDH believes a three year sunset extension allows ample time for MDH and the Boards to examine these functions and return to the General Assembly in 2026 with an update.

If you would like to discuss this further, please do not hesitate to contact Sarah Case-Herron, Director of Governmental Affairs at sarah.case-herron@maryland.gov or (410) 260-3190.

Sincerely,

Laura Herrera Scott, M.D., M.P.H.
Secretary

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BILL NO: SB 237
COMMITTEE: Finance
POSITION: Support

TITLE: State Board for the Certification of Residential Child Care Program Professionals – Sunset Extension

BILL ANALYSIS: This bill, as written, would continue the State Board for the Certification of Residential Child Care Program Professionals (the “Board”) in accordance with the provision of Maryland Program Evaluation Act (sunset law) be extending the Board’s existence to July 1, 2028.

POSITION AND RATIONALE: The Board supports SB 237.

The State Board renews certification every two years. There are currently 79 active Residential Child Care Program Administrators and 731 active Residential Child and Youth Care Practitioners. There are no outstanding licenses or renewals. The passing of this bill will ensure the continuation of the Board’s mission to protect children living in Maryland’s residential child programs and to promote quality of care in the field of residential childcare. The Board accomplishes these objectives by providing certification to Residential Child Care Program Administrators (RCCPA) and Residential Child and Youth Care Practitioners (RCYCP), regulating the certificate holders, engaging in the disciplinary processes of applicants and certificate holders when necessary and providing examinations to certificate applicants.

Thank you for your consideration of this testimony. The Board for the Certification of Residential Child Care Program is respectfully requesting a favorable report on SB 237.

If you require additional information, please contact Darlene Ham, Executive Director of the Maryland Board for the Certification of Residential Child Care Program Professionals at (410) 764-5911 or at Darlene.Ham1@maryland.gov.

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