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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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