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By: **Chairman, Environmental Matters Committee (Departmental - Health and Mental Hygiene)**

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Assigned to: Environmental Matters

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Mental Hygiene Administration - Facilities**

3 FOR the purpose of removing the Highland Health Facility at the Baltimore City  
4 Hospitals from the list of inpatient facilities operated by the Mental Hygiene  
5 Administration; simplifying the name of the Walter P. Carter Center and  
6 clarifying the name of the Regional Institutes for Children; and generally  
7 relating to the inpatient facilities operated by the Mental Hygiene  
8 Administration.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
10 Article - Health - General  
11 Section 10-406  
12 Annotated Code of Maryland  
13 (1994 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)

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

16 **Article - Health - General**

17 10-406.

18 (a) The following State facilities shall be maintained under the direction of the  
19 Administration:

20 (1) Clifton T. Perkins Hospital Center.

21 (2) Crownsville Hospital Center.

22 (3) Eastern Shore Hospital Center.

23 (4) Regional Institutes for Children and Adolescents - Baltimore [and  
24 Montgomery Counties.], ROCKVILLE, AND SOUTHERN MARYLAND.

25 (5) Springfield Hospital Center.

1 (6) Spring Grove Hospital Center.

2 (7) Walter P. Carter [Community Mental Health and Retardation]  
3 Center [at the University of Maryland Hospital].

4 (8) [The part of the Highland Health Facility at the Baltimore City  
5 Hospitals that the Administration operates.

6 (9)] Thomas B. Finan Hospital Center.

7 (b) As a facility is built or transferred to the Administration, the facility may  
8 be made a State facility.

9 (c) (1) The Department shall provide for a Regional Institute for Children  
10 and Adolescents in Prince George's County by July 1, 1983.

11 (2) The Regional Institute is a residential center for severely emotionally  
12 disturbed children and adolescents.

13 (3) The Department shall provide residential and day treatment  
14 programs for children and adolescents from Prince George's County.

15 (i) The Department shall offer to contract the education program  
16 to the local educational agency. The costs of the contract shall be determined by using  
17 the same per pupil costs as is used in the contract of these services at the Regional  
18 Institute in Montgomery County.

19 (ii) If the local educational agency declines to contract, the  
20 Department may operate an education program directly or contract with another  
21 qualified provider.

22 (4) Until a separate program is established for each county, children  
23 from Charles, Calvert, and St. Mary's Counties may be served by the Regional  
24 Institute in Prince George's County.

25 (5) The Department shall establish guidelines in cooperation with the  
26 local board of education for the operation of the Regional Institute for Children and  
27 Adolescents in Prince George's County.

28 (6) (i) By January 1, 1985, the Department shall adopt rules and  
29 regulations for admission to all Regional Institutes for Children and Adolescents in  
30 cooperation with representatives from the advisory committees of the Regional  
31 Institutes for Children and Adolescents, the mental health advisory committees in  
32 each region, the local education agencies, and the Mental Health Association of  
33 Maryland.

34 (ii) In determining these rules and regulations, the Department  
35 shall provide that no bona fide candidate for admission may be rejected solely because  
36 of residence outside the regular catchment area served by the institution.

1                           (iii)     In determining these rules and regulations, the Department  
2 shall provide that candidates for admission who reside in the regular catchment area  
3 served by the institution shall be granted priority in admissions to the institution.

4     SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take  
5 effect October 1, 1998.