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ENROLLED BILL

-- Environmental Matters/Budget and Taxation and Finance --

Introduced by **Delegate Hurson**

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Sealed with the Great Seal and presented to the Governor, for his approval this
____ day of _____ at _____ o'clock, ____ M.

Speaker.

CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Outpatient Mental Health Clinics - ~~Grant~~ Funding**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene to continue
4 ~~after June 30, 1998~~ from July 1, 1998 until June 30, 1999, a certain transitional
5 ~~grant~~ funding option that was in effect for certain outpatient mental health
6 clinics on a certain date; providing that this Act may not be construed to prohibit
7 the Secretary from increasing a certain rate of reimbursement; *permitting the*
8 *Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to grant a certain amount annually*
9 *for certain mental health services to a certain entity; providing for the effective*
10 *date of this Act*; and generally relating to funding for certain outpatient mental
11 health clinics.

12 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
13 Article - Health - General
14 Section 1-101(a) and (i) and 10-902
15 Annotated Code of Maryland
16 (1994 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)

1 BY adding to
2 Article - Health - General
3 Section 10-902.1
4 Annotated Code of Maryland
5 (1994 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)

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

8 **Article - Health - General**

9 1-101.

10 (a) In this article the following words have the meanings indicated.

11 (i) "Secretary" means the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene.

12 10-902.

13 (a) (1) In accordance with the State budget and the rules and regulations
14 that the Secretary adopts, the Secretary may make grants from or agreements for the
15 use of State and federal funds to help public agencies or nonprofit organizations
16 establish and operate local mental health programs to provide the following:

17 (i) Inpatient services.

18 (ii) Outpatient services.

19 (iii) Partial care services, including day care services and night care
20 services.

21 (iv) 24-hour emergency services.

22 (v) Aftercare services.

23 (vi) Consultation services.

24 (vii) Education services.

25 (viii) Other preventive or rehabilitation services or treatment.

26 (ix) Community residential programs for children and adolescents.

27 (2) Research and training that are designed to improve or extend these
28 services are proper items of expense.

29 (b) (1) Services under this section shall be provided by public agencies or,
30 under contract, by nonprofit organizations and private community-based
31 organizations.

1 (2) Nothing in this section shall prohibit the Secretary from contracting
2 with individual licensed mental health care providers, including psychiatrists,
3 psychologists, social workers, and psychiatric nurses.

4 10-902.1.

5 (A) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER LAW OR REGULATION, THE SECRETARY
6 SHALL CONTINUE ~~AFTER JUNE 30, 1998~~ FROM JULY 1, 1998 UNTIL JUNE 30, 1999, THE
7 TRANSITION ~~GRANT~~ FUNDING OPTION THAT WAS IN EFFECT FOR PARTICIPATING
8 OUTPATIENT MENTAL HEALTH CLINICS ON ~~JANUARY 1, 1998~~ JULY 1, 1997, AS
9 SPECIFIED IN THE CODE OF MARYLAND REGULATIONS 10.21.25.01F.

10 (B) THIS SECTION MAY NOT BE CONSTRUED TO PROHIBIT THE SECRETARY
11 FROM INCREASING THE RATE OF REIMBURSEMENT UNDER THE TRANSITION ~~GRANT~~
12 FUNDING OPTION THAT WAS IN EFFECT FOR OUTPATIENT MENTAL HEALTH CLINICS
13 ON ~~JANUARY 1, 1998~~ JULY 1, 1997, AS SPECIFIED IN THE CODE OF MARYLAND
14 REGULATIONS 10.21.25.01F.

15 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Department of Health
16 and Mental Hygiene may grant up to \$70,000 annually for pro bono mental health
17 services to an entity that coordinates mental health services for individuals who are
18 residents of the State of Maryland and do not receive insurance coverage for mental
19 health services.

20 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED. That this Act shall take effect
21 June 1, 1998.