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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Mental Hygiene Administration - Core Service Agencies - Regulation**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the law to require, instead of authorize, the Secretary of  
4 Health and Mental Hygiene to adopt regulations governing the operation of  
5 Core Service Agencies; and generally relating to certain procedures within the  
6 Mental Hygiene Administration.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
8 Article - Health - General  
9 Section 10-1203(a)  
10 Annotated Code of Maryland  
11 (1994 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)

12 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
13 Article - Health - General  
14 Section 10-1203(d)  
15 Annotated Code of Maryland  
16 (1994 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)

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

19 **Article - Health - General**

20 10-1203.

21 (a) To the extent resources are available, the Secretary, after consultation  
22 with the Maryland Advisory Council on Mental Hygiene as established in Subtitle 3 of  
23 this title and federal requirements mandated under P.L. 99-660, may initiate the  
24 development of core service agencies as a mechanism for community planning,  
25 management, and financing of mental health services.

26 (d) The Secretary [may] SHALL adopt regulations to carry out the provisions  
27 of this subtitle.

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