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By: Chairman, Environmental Matters Committee (Departmental - Health

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## A BILL ENTITLED

# 1 AN ACT concerning

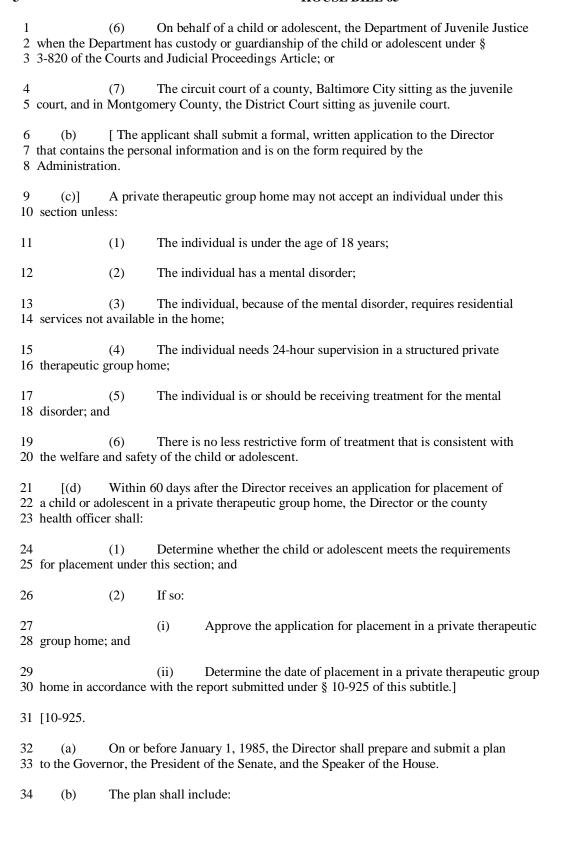
# 2 Mental Hygiene - Private Therapeutic Group Homes

- 3 FOR the purpose of repealing the requirement that an applicant for placement of a
- 4 child or adolescent in a private therapeutic group home submit a certain
- 5 application to the Director of the Mental Hygiene Administration; repealing the
- authority of the Director or the county health officer to make certain decisions
- 7 regarding placements in private therapeutic group homes; repealing the
- 8 requirement that the Director prepare and submit a certain plan; repealing the
- 9 requirement that the Director or the county health officer conduct certain
- evaluations of private therapeutic group homes; and generally relating to
- 11 private therapeutic group homes.
- 12 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
- 13 Article Health General
- 14 Section 10-920
- 15 Annotated Code of Maryland
- 16 (1994 Replacement Volume and 1998 Supplement)
- 17 BY repealing
- 18 Article Health General
- 19 Section 10-921, 10-925, and 10-926
- 20 Annotated Code of Maryland
- 21 (1994 Replacement Volume and 1998 Supplement)
- 22 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
- 23 Article Health General
- 24 Section 10-923
- 25 Annotated Code of Maryland
- 26 (1994 Replacement Volume and 1998 Supplement)
- 27 BY renumbering
- 28 Article Health General

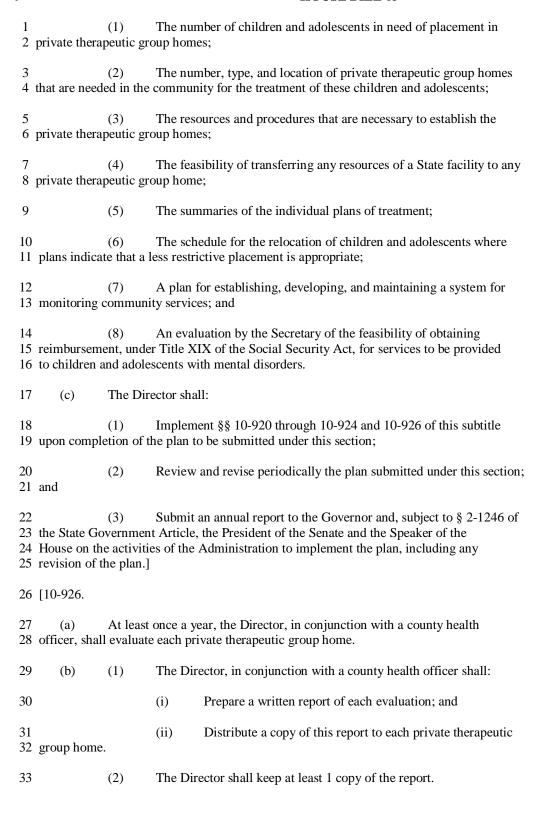
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1 2 3 4	Section 10-922, 10-923, and 10-924, respectively to be Section 10-921, 10-922, and 10-923, respectively Annotated Code of Maryland (1994 Replacement Volume and 1998 Supplement)
5 6	SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:
7	Article - Health - General
8	10-920.
11 12	In Part IV of this subtitle "private therapeutic group home" means a small private group home as defined in § 10-514(e) of this title that provides residential child care, as well as access to a range of diagnostic and therapeutic mental health services, to be identified under the requirements of § 10-924 of this article, for children and adolescents who are in need of such treatments.
14	[10-921.
15	The Director shall:
16 17	(1) Supervise the care and residential treatment of and the programs for children and adolescents that have mental disorders; and
	(2) Provide or encourage, by consultation, cooperation, or contract, all programs needed to ensure that children and adolescents are evaluated appropriately and provided community-based residential care.]
21	10-923.
22 23	(a) Application for placement of a child or adolescent in a private therapeutic group home may be made under this section by:
24	(1) An individual who is 16 years old or older;
25	(2) A parent or guardian on behalf of the child or adolescent;
26 27	(3) With the consent of the parent or guardian of the child or adolescent, a psychiatrist or psychologist who treats the child or adolescent;
	(4) On behalf of a child or adolescent, a local department of social services when the local department has custody or guardianship of the child or adolescent under § 3-820 of the Courts and Judicial Proceedings Article;

31 (5) The Department of Education or the local education agency with the 32 consent of a parent or guardian;

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- 1 The Secretary shall consider the report when renewing a license of (3) 2 any private therapeutic group home.]
- SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section(s) 10-922, 10-923, and 10-924, respectively, of Article Health General of the Annotated Code of Maryland be renumbered to be Section(s) 10-921, 10-922, and 10-923,
- 6 respectively.
- 7 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take
- 8 effect October 1, 1999.