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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Mental Hygiene Administration - Office of Administrative Hearings -**  
3 **Procedure**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene to  
5 establish certain procedures within the Mental Hygiene Administration that  
6 give certain community mental health programs the right to access a certain  
7 mediation process and the right to request a certain hearing under certain  
8 circumstances; and generally relating to certain procedures within the Mental  
9 Hygiene Administration.

10 BY adding to

11 Article - Health - General  
12 Section 10-906  
13 Annotated Code of Maryland  
14 (2000 Replacement Volume and 2001 Supplement)

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

17 **Article - Health - General**

18 10-906.

19 THE SECRETARY SHALL ESTABLISH PROCEDURES WITHIN THE  
20 ADMINISTRATION FOR A PROCESS REGARDING PROGRAM, POLICY, OR CONTRACT  
21 DISPUTES WITH THE ADMINISTRATION THAT GIVES ALL COMMUNITY MENTAL  
22 HEALTH PROGRAMS REGULATED BY THE ADMINISTRATION THE RIGHT TO:

23 (1) ACCESS THE MEDIATION PROCESS ESTABLISHED BY THE  
24 ADMINISTRATION; AND

25 (2) IF DISSATISFIED WITH THE OUTCOME OF THE MEDIATION BY THE  
26 ADMINISTRATION, REQUEST A HEARING WITH THE OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE

1 HEARINGS IN ACCORDANCE WITH TITLE 10, SUBTITLE 2 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT  
2 ARTICLE.

3 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
4 October 1, 2002.