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By: **Delegate Hubbard**
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Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Mental Hygiene Administration - Children's Psychiatric Rehabilitation**
3 **Program - Study of Case Rates**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the Mental Hygiene Administration to study the
5   appropriate utilization level of children's psychiatric rehabilitation services,
6   study the impact of shifting from fee-for-service payments to case rates on the
7   outcomes of care for certain consumers, recalculate the case rate based on the
8   appropriate utilization level, and study certain consumers to determine when
9   multiple tiers of case rates within the community client category can be
10   established; requiring the Mental Hygiene Administration on or before a certain
11   date to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and certain
12   committees of the General Assembly; and generally relating to a study of the
13   Children's Psychiatric Rehabilitation Program.

14   SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
15 MARYLAND, That:

16   (a)   the Mental Hygiene Administration shall:

17   (1)   study and determine the appropriate utilization level of children's
18 psychiatric rehabilitation program services;

19   (2)   study the impact of the shift from fee-for-service payments to case
20 rates on the outcomes of care for consumers of children's psychiatric rehabilitation
21 services;

22   (3)   recalculate the case rate based on the appropriate utilization level,
23 taking into account the outcomes of care and the effect of a higher case rate on the
24 Mental Hygiene Administration's budget; and

25   (4)   study the consumer population of children's psychiatric rehabilitation
26 services to determine whether consumers can be classified by level of care in order to
27 establish multiple tiers of case rates within the community client category, taking into
28 account the incentives to shift children to categories with higher payment rates and
29 providing adequate protections to limit these shifts; and

1   (b)   on or before January 1, 2007, the Mental Hygiene Administration shall
2 report to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government
3 Article, to the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee, the Senate Finance
4 Committee, the House Appropriations Committee, and the House Health and
5 Government Operations Committee on the findings and recommendations from the
6 study required under subsection (a) of this section.

7   SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
8 June 1, 2006.