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CHAPTER _____

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

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

17 (a) ~~the~~ The Mental Hygiene Administration, in consultation with family
 18 members of children who use psychiatric rehabilitation services, advocates, providers,
 19 and the Community Services Reimbursement Rate Commission, shall:

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

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

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

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

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

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