

HOUSE BILL 453

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Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Advisory Committee to Coordinate the Public Health System and Drug**
3 **Treatment Funded by the Medical Assistance Program**

4 FOR the purpose of establishing the Advisory Committee to Coordinate the Public
5 Health System and Drug Treatment Funded by the Medical Assistance
6 Program; providing for the membership of the Advisory Committee; requiring
7 the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene to appoint the chair of the Advisory
8 Committee; providing for certain quorum requirements; requiring the Advisory
9 Committee to meet a certain number of times each year; authorizing members
10 of the Advisory Committee to receive certain reimbursement; providing for the
11 staffing of the Advisory Committee; requiring the Advisory Committee to make
12 certain recommendations and to make a certain annual report to the Governor
13 and certain committees of the General Assembly; providing for the termination
14 of this Act; and generally relating to the Advisory Committee to Coordinate the
15 Public Health System and Drug Treatment Funded by the Medical Assistance
16 Program.

17 BY adding to

18 Article – Health – General

19 Section 13–2701 through 13–2706 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 27.

20 Advisory Committee to Coordinate the Public Health System and Drug

21 Treatment Funded by the Medical Assistance Program”

22 Annotated Code of Maryland

23 (2005 Replacement Volume and 2007 Supplement)

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

26 **Article – Health – General**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **SUBTITLE 27. ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO COORDINATE THE PUBLIC HEALTH**
2 **SYSTEM AND DRUG TREATMENT FUNDED BY THE MEDICAL ASSISTANCE**
3 **PROGRAM.**

4 **13-2701.**

5 **IN THIS SUBTITLE “ADVISORY COMMITTEE” MEANS THE ADVISORY**
6 **COMMITTEE TO COORDINATE THE PUBLIC HEALTH SYSTEM AND DRUG**
7 **TREATMENT FUNDED BY THE MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.**

8 **13-2702.**

9 **THERE IS AN ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO COORDINATE THE PUBLIC**
10 **HEALTH SYSTEM AND DRUG TREATMENT FUNDED BY THE MEDICAL**
11 **ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.**

12 **13-2703.**

13 **THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSISTS OF THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS:**

14 **(1) THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE ALCOHOL AND DRUG**
15 **ABUSE ADMINISTRATION, OR THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S DESIGNEE;**

16 **(2) THE DEPUTY SECRETARY OF HEALTH CARE FINANCING, OR**
17 **THE DEPUTY SECRETARY’S DESIGNEE; AND**

18 **(3) THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS, APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR:**

19 **(I) ONE LOCAL HEALTH OFFICER;**

20 **(II) ONE REPRESENTATIVE OF A LOCAL DRUG AND**
21 **ALCOHOL COUNCIL;**

22 **(III) ONE REPRESENTATIVE OF MEDCHI;**

23 **(IV) ONE PROVIDER OF DRUG AND ALCOHOL TREATMENT**
24 **SERVICES;**

25 **(V) TWO REPRESENTATIVES FROM MANAGED CARE**
26 **ORGANIZATIONS PARTICIPATING IN THE MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM; AND**

27 **(VI) TWO REPRESENTATIVES OF THE GENERAL PUBLIC WITH**
28 **EXPERIENCE WITH ALCOHOL AND DRUG TREATMENT ISSUES.**

1 **13-2704.**

2 (A) THE SECRETARY SHALL APPOINT THE CHAIR OF THE ADVISORY
3 COMMITTEE.

4 (B) THE MEMBERS PRESENT AT A MEETING ARE A QUORUM TO DO
5 BUSINESS.

6 (C) THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE SHALL MEET AT LEAST FOUR TIMES A
7 YEAR, AT THE TIMES AND PLACES THAT IT DETERMINES.

8 (D) A MEMBER OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MAY NOT RECEIVE
9 COMPENSATION AS A MEMBER OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE, BUT IS
10 ENTITLED TO REIMBURSEMENT FOR EXPENSES UNDER THE STANDARD STATE
11 TRAVEL REGULATIONS, AS PROVIDED IN THE STATE BUDGET.

12 (E) THE ALCOHOL AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION AND THE MEDICAL
13 ASSISTANCE PROGRAM SHALL JOINTLY PROVIDE STAFF SUPPORT AND
14 TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FOR THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

15 **13-2705.**

16 THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE SHALL MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO
17 ENHANCE COORDINATION BETWEEN THE PUBLIC HEALTH SYSTEM AND THE
18 DRUG TREATMENT SYSTEM FUNDED BY THE MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM,
19 INCLUDING METHODS TO:

20 (1) FACILITATE ENROLLMENT IN THE MEDICAL ASSISTANCE
21 PROGRAM FOR INDIVIDUALS IN NEED OF ALCOHOL AND DRUG TREATMENT;

22 (2) USE DATA FROM BOTH THE PUBLIC HEALTH SYSTEM AND THE
23 MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR QUALITY IMPROVEMENT AND
24 OVERSIGHT; AND

25 (3) REDUCE BARRIERS TO CARE IN THE MEDICAL ASSISTANCE
26 PROGRAM, INCLUDING ISSUES RELATED TO:

27 (I) REIMBURSEMENT RATES;

28 (II) DENIAL OF CLAIMS; AND

29 (III) PRIOR APPROVAL.

30 **13-2706.**

1 **ON OR BEFORE JUNE 1 OF EACH YEAR, THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**
2 **SHALL REPORT ITS RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE GOVERNOR AND, IN**
3 **ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1246 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, THE**
4 **SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE AND THE HOUSE HEALTH AND GOVERNMENT**
5 **OPERATIONS COMMITTEE.**

6 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
7 July 1, 2008. It shall remain effective for a period of 3 years and, at the end of June 30,
8 2011, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be
9 abrogated and of no further force and effect.