

# SENATE BILL 704

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By: **Senator Zirkin**

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Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Human Services – Residential Child Care Facilities – Report Cards**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring, on or before a certain date, the Department of Juvenile  
4 Services, the Department of Human Resources, and the Department of Health  
5 and Mental Hygiene jointly to develop, coordinate, and adopt a “report card”  
6 system that measures annual progress for each residential child care facility  
7 serving youth placed by the State; providing that a report card issued under this  
8 Act shall measure and provide a numerical score by category whether a  
9 residential child care facility exceeds, meets, or is deficient in meeting certain  
10 standards established by the agencies; requiring the agencies and the  
11 Governor’s Office for Children to publish the results of the report cards each  
12 year; and generally relating to residential child care facilities.

13 BY adding to

14 Article – Human Services

15 Section 8–1101 through 8–1103 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 11.  
16 Residential Child Care Facilities – Report Cards”

17 Annotated Code of Maryland

18 (2007 Volume)

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

21 **Article – Human Services**

22 **SUBTITLE 11. RESIDENTIAL CHILD CARE FACILITIES – REPORT CARDS.**

23 **8–1101.**

24 **ON OR BEFORE JULY 1, 2010, THE DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE SERVICES,**  
25 **THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES, AND THE DEPARTMENT OF**

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE JOINTLY SHALL DEVELOP, COORDINATE, AND**  
2 **ADOPT A “REPORT CARD” SYSTEM THAT MEASURES ANNUAL PROGRESS FOR**  
3 **EACH RESIDENTIAL CHILD CARE FACILITY SERVING YOUTH PLACED BY THE**  
4 **STATE.**

5 **8-1102.**

6 **A REPORT CARD ISSUED UNDER THIS SUBTITLE SHALL MEASURE AND**  
7 **PROVIDE A NUMERICAL SCORE BY CATEGORY WHETHER A RESIDENTIAL CHILD**  
8 **CARE FACILITY EXCEEDS, MEETS, OR IS DEFICIENT IN MEETING STANDARDS**  
9 **ESTABLISHED BY THE AGENCIES LISTED IN § 8-1101 OF THIS SUBTITLE FOR**  
10 **THE FOLLOWING AREAS:**

- 11 (1) **CLIENT RECORDS;**
- 12 (2) **PERSONNEL RECORDS;**
- 13 (3) **PHYSICAL PLANT;**
- 14 (4) **QUALITY ASSURANCE;**
- 15 (5) **INDIVIDUAL SERVICE PLANS;**
- 16 (6) **GOVERNANCE;**
- 17 (7) **CONTRACTUAL OBLIGATIONS;**
- 18 (8) **OUTCOMES;**
- 19 (9) **INCIDENT REPORTS; AND**
- 20 (10) **COMPLAINT CALLS.**

21 **8-1103.**

22 **EACH YEAR, THE AGENCIES LISTED IN § 8-1101 OF THIS SUBTITLE AND**  
23 **THE GOVERNOR’S OFFICE FOR CHILDREN SHALL PUBLISH THE RESULTS OF**  
24 **THE REPORT CARDS.**

25 **SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect**  
26 **October 1, 2008.**