CHAPTER 288

(House Bill 651)

AN ACT concerning

Department of Juvenile Services Educational Programs - Private Residential Rehabilitative Institutions - Repeal

FOR the purpose of repealing the requirement for private residential rehabilitative institutions to develop and implement a certain educational program; repealing the requirement that a certain educational program be approved by the State Department of Education before the program is implemented; repealing the operating requirements of a private residential rehabilitative institution; repealing a certain definition; and generally relating to private residential rehabilitative institutions.

BY repealing

Article – Human Services Section 9–238 Annotated Code of Maryland (2007 Volume)

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

Article - Human Services

[9-238.

- (a) In this section, "private residential rehabilitative institution" means a private, nonprofit facility that:
- (1) serves 150 or more court—adjudicated children, including children in the custody of the Department;
- (2) provides academic, athletic, and workforce development services to the children described in item (1) of this subsection; and
- (3) has been approved to serve children described in this subsection on or before October 1, 2005.
- (b) (1) A private residential rehabilitative institution shall develop an educational program.

- (2) Subject to the approval of the educational program developed under paragraph (1) of this subsection by the State Department of Education, a private rehabilitative institution shall implement the educational program.
 - (c) A private residential rehabilitative institution shall:
 - (1) receive statewide referrals; and
- (2) serve as an option for the placement of children who are transferred to the juvenile court under $\S 4-202$ of the Criminal Procedure Article.]

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

Approved by the Governor, April 24, 2008.