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**FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE**

House Bill 35 (Delegate Schuh, *et al.*)  
Health and Government Operations

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**Anne Arundel County - Limitations on Methadone and Other Opioid Treatment  
Facilities**

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This bill prohibits the establishment and operation of an opioid treatment facility within one-half mile of an existing noncollegiate educational institution, public school, licensed child care center, or registered family day care home in Anne Arundel County. The prohibition does not apply to opioid treatment facilities certified before January 1, 2008, or to opioid treatment programs that are provided in licensed hospitals or facilities owned or operated by a State agency.

The bill takes effect June 1, 2008.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** The bill would not directly affect governmental operations or finances.

**Local Effect:** None.

**Small Business Effect:** None.

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**Analysis**

**Current Law:** The Alcohol and Drug Abuse Administration (ADAA) plans and encourages the development and coordination of facilities and services that offer treatment, care, or rehabilitation for alcohol and drug abusers. In addition, ADAA has to adopt the following regulations:

- set standards for treatment, care, and rehabilitation of alcohol and drug abusers; and
- ensure that before a facility is certified, an opportunity to comment on whether the facility meets certification requirements is provided to representatives of the county government and, if in a municipal corporation, to the municipal government and to private citizens in the community where the facility is proposed to be located.

**Background:** There are currently four treatment programs in Anne Arundel County; three free-standing private programs and one public program within the county health department. The Department of Health and Mental Hygiene is not aware of any plans to establish another opioid treatment program in the county.

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### **Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Cross File:** SB 19 (Senator Simonaire) – Finance.

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