

HOUSE BILL 349

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By: **Washington County Delegation**

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Washington County – Mental Health Advisory Committee**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing the governing body of Washington County to
4 designate Washington County Mental Health Authority, Inc., as the mental
5 health advisory committee for Washington County; and generally relating to
6 mental health advisory committees.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
8 Article – Health – General
9 Section 10–308
10 Annotated Code of Maryland
11 (2005 Replacement Volume and 2008 Supplement)

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

14 **Article – Health – General**

15 10–308.

16 (a) Except as otherwise provided in subsections (c) and (d) of this section, the
17 governing body of each county shall establish a mental health advisory committee.

18 (b) The purpose of a mental health advisory committee shall be to serve as
19 advocate for a comprehensive mental health system for persons of all ages.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike-out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 (c) The governing bodies of two or more counties may establish, by
2 agreement, an intercounty mental health advisory committee if:

3 (1) The population of one of the counties is too small to warrant the
4 establishment of a mental health advisory committee for that county; and

5 (2) The Director consents.

6 (d) The governing body of a county may establish a joint mental health and
7 addictions advisory committee.

8 (e) In Howard County, if a quasi-public authority is established under
9 Subtitle 12 of this title, the governing body may designate the authority as the mental
10 health advisory committee for the county.

11 (f) In Baltimore City, the governing body may designate Baltimore Mental
12 Health Systems, Inc., the core service agency for Baltimore City under Subtitle 12 of
13 this title, as the mental health advisory committee for Baltimore City.

14 (g) In Anne Arundel County, the governing body may designate Anne
15 Arundel County Mental Health Agency, Inc., the core service agency for Anne Arundel
16 County under Subtitle 12 of this title, as the mental health advisory committee for
17 Anne Arundel County.

18 **(H) IN WASHINGTON COUNTY, THE GOVERNING BODY MAY DESIGNATE**
19 **WASHINGTON COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH AUTHORITY, INC., THE CORE SERVICE**
20 **AGENCY FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY UNDER SUBTITLE 12 OF THIS TITLE, AS**
21 **THE MENTAL HEALTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY.**

22 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
23 October 1, 2009.

Approved:

Governor.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.

President of the Senate.