

SENATE BILL 567

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By: **Senator Pugh**

Introduced and read first time: February 4, 2011

Assigned to: Finance

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Health – Guidelines for Providing Mental Health Treatment to Individuals**
3 **with Co-Occurring Disorders**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the Director of Mental Hygiene to develop certain
5 guidelines for the provision of mental health treatment to individuals with
6 co-occurring disorders; and generally relating to guidelines for mental health
7 treatment.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
9 Article – Health – General
10 Section 10–204
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (2009 Replacement Volume and 2010 Supplement)

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

15 **Article – Health – General**

16 10–204.

17 (a) The Director is responsible for carrying out the powers, duties, and
18 responsibilities of the Administration.

19 (b) The Director is responsible for supervising the custody, care, and
20 treatment of individuals who have mental disorders.

21 (c) (1) The Director shall:

22 (i) Organize and manage the Administration in a manner that
23 will enable it best to discharge its duties; and

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (ii) Appoint the number of assistant directors and staff provided
2 in the State budget.

3 (2) The Director may remove an assistant director for incompetence or
4 misconduct.

5 (3) Unless expressly provided otherwise by law, the Director may
6 assign to any subordinate unit or individual in the Administration any function that is
7 imposed by law on the Director.

8 (d) (1) The Director shall submit to the Governor and the Secretary an
9 annual report on the activities of the Administration.

10 (2) The report shall be in the form and contain the information that
11 the Governor requires.

12 (e) The Director shall provide facilities for the care and treatment of
13 individuals who have mental disorders.

14 (f) (1) The Director shall establish programs for research and
15 development of care and treatment for individuals who have mental disorders.

16 (2) The Director may provide money for a public or nonprofit
17 organization to carry out pilot or demonstration projects.

18 (g) The Director shall administer grants, gifts, trusts, and similar funds that
19 are available for use by the Administration.

20 **(H) THE DIRECTOR SHALL DEVELOP GUIDELINES FOR THE PROVISION**
21 **OF MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT TO INDIVIDUALS WITH CO-OCCURRING**
22 **DISORDERS SO THAT THE TREATMENT DOES NOT CAUSE ADDITIONAL HARM TO**
23 **AN INDIVIDUAL WHO ALSO NEEDS TREATMENT FOR A SUBSTANCE ABUSE**
24 **DISORDER.**

25 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
26 October 1, 2011.