

SENATE BILL 58

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By: **Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee (By Request
– Departmental – Health)**

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Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **State Board for Certification of Residential Child Care Program Professionals –**
3 **Revisions**

4 FOR the purpose of repealing an erroneous provision of law regarding immunity from
5 liability for participating in the activities of the State Board for Certification of
6 Residential Child Care Program Professionals; repealing the requirement that the
7 Board adopt certain regulations for approved training programs for residential child
8 and youth care practitioners; repealing the requirement that the Board post a list of
9 approved residential child care training programs on its website; making a
10 conforming change; and generally relating to the State Board for Certification of
11 Residential Child Care Program Professionals.

12 BY repealing

13 Article – Health Occupations
14 Section 20–207 and 20–302.2
15 Annotated Code of Maryland
16 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2017 Supplement)

17 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

18 Article – Health Occupations
19 Section 20–208 and 20–302.1(f)
20 Annotated Code of Maryland
21 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2017 Supplement)

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

24 **Article – Health Occupations**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 [20–207.

2 A person shall have the immunity from liability described under § 5–710 of the
3 Courts Article for giving information to the Board or otherwise participating in its
4 activities.]

5 [20–208.] **20–207.**

6 A person shall have immunity from the liability described under § 5–723 of the
7 Courts Article for giving information to the Board or otherwise participating in its
8 activities.

9 20–302.1.

10 (f) (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, the applicant
11 shall have successfully completed a training program approved [under § 20–302.2 of this
12 subtitle] **BY THE BOARD.**

13 (2) (i) An applicant who has an associate’s or bachelor’s degree from an
14 accredited college or university may be waived from the training program requirement, if
15 the applicant passes an examination and meets other requirements established by the
16 Board under this subtitle.

17 (ii) The Board shall establish requirements and procedures for
18 waiving the training program requirement for an applicant under subparagraph (i) of this
19 paragraph.

20 [20–302.2.

21 (a) The Board shall adopt regulations for approved training programs for
22 residential child and youth care practitioners.

23 (b) Successful completion of an approved training program shall prepare an
24 individual for certification as a residential child and youth care practitioner.

25 (c) The regulations shall:

26 (1) Require an approved training program to provide a fundamental
27 working knowledge of the varied aspects of performing the direct responsibilities related to
28 activities of daily living, self–help, and socialization to children and youth in residential
29 child care programs;

30 (2) Establish a process for approving residential child and youth care
31 practitioner training programs; and

32 (3) Establish the contact hours, curriculum, format, and fees for approved

1 training programs.

2 (d) The Board shall post a list of approved training programs on its Web site.]

3 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
4 October 1, 2018.