

Chapter 356

**(House Bill 893)**

AN ACT concerning

**Washington County – Adult Public Guardianship Review Board – Membership**

FOR the purpose of altering the membership of the Adult Public Guardianship Review Board of Washington County to require one member to be a psychiatrist or psychologist; and generally relating to the Adult Public Guardianship Review Board of Washington County.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Family Law  
Section 14–101(a) and (n)  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2019 Replacement Volume)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Family Law  
Section 14–402(a)  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
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SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,  
That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

**Article – Family Law**

14–101.

- (a) In this title the following words have the meanings indicated.
- (n) “Review board” means the adult public guardianship review board.

14–402.

- (a) (1) Each review board consists of 11 members appointed:
  - (i) by the county commissioners;
  - (ii) in Baltimore City, by the Mayor with the advice and consent of the City Council;
  - (iii) in any county that has a county executive, by the county executive with the advice and consent of the county council; or

(iv) if 2 or more counties have agreed to establish a multicounty review board, jointly by the appropriate officials of the counties served by the board.

(2) Of the 11 members:

(i) 1 shall be a professional representative of a local department;

(ii) 1. in counties other than St. Mary's County **OR WASHINGTON COUNTY:**

A. 1 shall be a physician's assistant, nurse practitioner, or physician who is not a psychiatrist; and

B. 1 shall be a psychiatrist; and

2. in St. Mary's County **AND WASHINGTON COUNTY:**

A. 1 shall be a physician's assistant, nurse practitioner, or physician who is not a psychiatrist; and

B. 1 shall be a psychiatrist or psychologist;

(iii) 1 shall be a representative of a local commission on aging;

(iv) 1 shall be a professional representative of a local nonprofit social service organization;

(v) 1 shall be a lawyer;

(vi) 2 shall be lay individuals;

(vii) 1 shall be a registered nurse;

(viii) 1 shall be a professional in the field of disabilities; and

(ix) 1 shall be a person with a physical disability.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2020.

**Enacted under Article II, § 17(c) of the Maryland Constitution, May 8, 2020.**