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House Bill 21

(Delegate Cullison)

Health and Government Operations

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**State Board for the Certification of Residential Child Care Program
Professionals - Membership and Official Seal**

This bill alters the membership of the State Board for the Certification of Residential Child Care Program Professionals by reducing the number of members from 12 to 11 and removing the requirement that a member be appointed by the subcabinet. The bill also removes the requirement that the board adopt an official seal. **The bill takes effect July 1, 2022.**

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: The bill is not anticipated to materially affect State operations or finances.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: The State Board for the Certification of Residential Child Care Program Professionals is the certification authority for Residential Child Care Program Administrators (RCCPAs) and Residential Child and Youth Care Practitioners (RCYCPs) employed by programs licensed by the Department of Human Services, the Department of Juvenile Services, and the Maryland Department of Health.

The board comprises 12 members. Six members are appointed by the Governor. The remaining 6 members are appointed as follows: (1) 1 by the Secretary of Health for the

Developmental Disabilities Administration; (2) 1 by the Secretary of Health for the Behavioral Health Administration; (3) 1 by the Secretary of Juvenile Services for the agency; (4) 1 by the Secretary of Human Services for the agency; (5) 1 by the State Superintendent of Schools; and (6) 1 member by the subcabinet.

The board must maintain a registry of RCCPAs and RCYCPs certified by the board, submit an annual report to the Governor and the Children's Cabinet, adopt a code of ethics appropriate and applicable to RCCPAs and RCYCPs, establish continuing education requirements for RCCPAs, establish training and continuing education requirements for RCYCPs, and adopt an official seal.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Designated Cross File: SB 133 (Senator Washington) - Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs.

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