

HOUSE BILL 870

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By: **Delegate Guyton**

Introduced and read first time: February 9, 2023

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Division of Rehabilitation Services and Developmental Disabilities**
3 **Administration – Memorandum of Understanding**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the Division of Rehabilitation Services in the State
5 Department of Education and the Developmental Disabilities Administration in the
6 Maryland Department of Health to enter into a certain memorandum of
7 understanding relating to the sharing of certain data of mutual clients; and generally
8 relating to data sharing between the Division of Rehabilitation Services and the
9 Developmental Disabilities Administration.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
11 Article – Education
12 Section 21–301 and 21–304
13 Annotated Code of Maryland
14 (2022 Replacement Volume)

15 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
16 Article – Health – General
17 Section 7–201
18 Annotated Code of Maryland
19 (2019 Replacement Volume and 2022 Supplement)

20 BY adding to
21 Article – Health – General
22 Section 7–208
23 Annotated Code of Maryland
24 (2019 Replacement Volume and 2022 Supplement)

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

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



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Article – Education

2 21–301.

3 (a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.

4 (b) “Disability” means any defect or infirmity that may incapacitate an individual
5 totally or partially for gainful employment or independent living.6 (c) **“DIVISION” MEANS THE DIVISION OF REHABILITATION SERVICES IN**
7 **THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION.**8 [(c)] (D) “Federal acts” means the rehabilitation acts of the United States
9 Congress.10 [(d)] (E) “Rehabilitation” means the process of enabling a disabled individual to
11 become gainfully employed and to function more independently.

12 21–304.

13 (a) There is a Division of Rehabilitation Services in the State Department of
14 Education.

15 (b) The State Board of Education shall:

16 (1) Disburse all funds provided, and administer all programs established
17 under this subtitle, for the rehabilitation of disabled individuals;18 (2) Appoint and fix the compensation of the personnel necessary to
19 administer this subtitle;20 (3) Rehabilitate and place in gainful occupations individuals eligible for the
21 benefits of this subtitle;

22 (4) Rehabilitate eligible individuals to function more independently;

23 (5) Adopt rules and regulations necessary to administer this subtitle;

24 (6) Report annually to the Governor on the administration of this subtitle;

25 and

26 (7) Cooperate with other public and private departments, agencies, and
27 institutions to:

28 (i) Provide for the rehabilitation of disabled individuals;

29 (ii) Provide for the independent living rehabilitation of severely

1 disabled individuals;

2 (iii) Study the problems of rehabilitation; and

3 (iv) Develop and provide programs, facilities, and services necessary
4 or desirable to implement this subtitle.

5 (c) (1) The State Department of Education shall, in addition to licensing
6 vending facility managers in federal buildings in this State under § 21–302(c) of this
7 subtitle pursuant to the federal acts, license blind persons to manage vending facilities in
8 all State, county, and municipal buildings and in all privately owned buildings and
9 premises in this State in the event of contract with such person.

10 (2) The Division [of Rehabilitation Services in the State Department of
11 Education] shall be the licensing agency for all vending facilities within this State licensed
12 under this subtitle.

13 (D) (1) IN THIS SUBSECTION, “MEDICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL RECORDS”
14 INCLUDES:

15 (I) MEDICAL DOCUMENTATION;

16 (II) PSYCHOLOGICAL INFORMATION;

17 (III) SCHOOL DOCUMENTATION; AND

18 (IV) ANY OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION.

19 (2) THE DIVISION AND THE DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES
20 ADMINISTRATION SHALL ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING, THE
21 TERMS OF WHICH SHALL INCLUDE A DATA SHARING AGREEMENT FOR THE MEDICAL
22 AND PSYCHOLOGICAL RECORDS OF MUTUAL CLIENTS IN ORDER TO EXPEDITE
23 DECISIONS REGARDING ELIGIBILITY FOR SERVICES.

24 Article – Health – General

25 7–201.

26 There is a Developmental Disabilities Administration in the Department.

27 7–208.

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29 INCLUDES:

- 1 **(1) MEDICAL DOCUMENTATION;**
- 2 **(2) PSYCHOLOGICAL INFORMATION;**
- 3 **(3) SCHOOL DOCUMENTATION; AND**
- 4 **(4) ANY OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION.**

5 **(B) THE DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES ADMINISTRATION AND THE**
6 **DIVISION OF REHABILITATION SERVICES SHALL ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF**
7 **UNDERSTANDING, THE TERMS OF WHICH SHALL INCLUDE A DATA SHARING**
8 **AGREEMENT FOR THE MEDICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL RECORDS OF MUTUAL**
9 **CLIENTS IN ORDER TO EXPEDITE DECISIONS REGARDING ELIGIBILITY FOR**
10 **SERVICES.**

11 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
12 1, 2023.