

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO SB0696 AND HB0962

- Page 1, lines 8-9 Delete “authorizing a hospital to concurrently explore in–State and out–of–state placements for pediatric hospital overstay patients; establishing the Pediatric Hospital Overstay and Unlicensed Placement Coordinator within the Governor’s Office for Children”
- Page 1, lines 9-10 Replace “establishing the Pediatric Hospital Overstay Coordinator within the Governor’s Office for Children” with “establishing the Pediatric Hospital Overstay and Unlicensed Placement Coordinator within the Governor’s Office for Children”
- Page 1, lines 12-13 Replace “and generally relating to pediatric hospital overstay patients” with “requires the Department of Health and the Department of Human Services to conduct a data-driven study of the characteristics and needs of children and youth in emergency departments and hospital overstays, as well as those in unlicensed placements and the contracted beds to serve the children with those needs; develop a comprehensive plan to end the practice of emergency departments and hospital overstays with a report due to the Legislature by December 2025; and generally relating to pediatric hospital overstay patients and children and youth in Department of Human Services custody in unlicensed settings.”
- Page 1, lines 21-22 Replace “Pediatric Overstay” with “Pediatric Overstay and Unlicensed Settings”
- Page 3, line 2 Replace “PEDIATRIC OVERSTAY” with “PEDIATRIC OVERSTAY AND UNLICENSED SETTINGS”
- Page 3, line 8 Insert between line 7 and line 8 with “CHILD IN AN UNLICENSED SETTING” MEANS A CHILD IN OUT OF HOME PLACEMENT RESIDING IN HOTELS, OFFICE BUILDINGS, SHELTERS, OR OTHER UNLICENSED SETTINGS EXCLUDING YOUTH RECEIVING SELF- INDEPENDENT LIVING ALLOWANCE STIPENDS, THOSE WITH KIN AWAITING APPROVAL FOR PLACEMENT, OR ON AFTERCARE WITH A PARENT.”
- Page 3, lines 11-12 Insert between “A PEDIATRIC HOSPITAL OVERSTAY PATIENT” and “IS TRANSFERRED TO AND TREATED” with “OR A CHILD IN AN UNLICENSED SETTING”
- Page 3, Line 12 At end of sentence, before period, add “, AND AS SOON AS POSSIBLE”
- Page 3, lines 13-16 Delete entire paragraph
- Page 3, lines 20-21 Add after “REGIONAL INSTITUTE FOR CHILDREN AND ADOLESCENTS IN THE STATE” with “THAT IS MANDATED TO ACCEPT CHILDREN FROM ALL JURISDICTIONS.”

- Page 3, lines 26-28 Replace “THE GOVERNOR MAY USE FUNDS DESIGNATED FOR THE ADOLESCENT HOSPITAL OVERSTAY PROGRAM FOR THE PURPOSES IDENTIFIED IN SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION” with “THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES MAY USE FUNDS DESIGNATED FOR THE ADOLESCENT HOSPITAL OVERSTAY PROGRAM AND FUNDS OTHERWISE DESIGNATED TO FUND UNLICENSED SETTINGS TO STRENGTHEN SERVICES AND STAFFING FOR THE PURPOSES IDENTIFIED IN SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION.
- Page 4, line 3 Insert between “PEDIATRIC HOSPITAL OVERSTAY” and “COORDINATOR” with “AND UNLICENSED SETTINGS”.
- Page 4, lines 14-15 Insert between “PEDIATRIC HOSPITAL OVERSTAY PATIENT” and “HAS THE MEANING” with “AND “CHILD IN UNLICENSED SETTINGS”
- Page 4, lines 25-26 Insert between “PUBLIC BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CARE” and “COORDINATION PROGRAMS” with “AND PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN WITH AUTISM AND OTHER DEVELOPMENTAL DISORDERS”.
- Page 5, line 2 Insert between “PEDIATRIC HOSPITAL OVERSTAY PATIENT” and “IN THE STATE” with “AND CHILDREN IN UNLICENSED SETTINGS”.
- Page 5, line 11 Insert after “PEDIATRIC HOSPITAL OVERSTAY PATIENTS” with “AND CHILDREN IN UNLICENSED SETTINGS”
- Page 5, line 15 Insert after “PEDIATRIC HOSPITAL OVERSTAY PATIENTS” with “AND CHILDREN IN UNLICENSED SETTINGS”
- Page 5, line 19 Insert between “THE RESPONSIBLE STATE AGENCY” and “IF APPLICABLE” with “, INCLUDING THOSE PATIENTS FOR WHOM A STATE AGENCY HAS RESPONSIBILITY FOR MAKING A PLAN,”
- Page 5, line 21 Replace “PLACEMENT OPTIONS BEING SOUGHT BY THE PATIENT” with “PLACEMENT OPTIONS BEING RECOMMENDED ON BEHALF OF THE PATIENT;”
- Page 5, line 23 Insert between “HEALTH DIAGNOSIS;” and “AND” new paragraphs (VI), (VII), and (VIII):
- “(VI) THE CHILD’S AGE, RACE, ETHNICITY, SEX, GENDER, DISABILITY STATUS, EDUCATIONAL NEEDS, COUNTY OF RESIDENCE, AND LOCATION OF LOCAL DSS SERVING THE CHILD;
 - (VII) PROTECTIVE SERVICES STATUS AND HISTORY, IF ANY;
 - (VIII) DURATION OF HOSPITALIZATION AND HOSPITAL OVERSTAY STATUS;”

Page 5, Line 24

Change “(VI)” to “(IX)”

Page 5, Line 25

Insert new Paragraph (E):

“(E) WITHIN THREE MONTHS OF THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ACT, THE COORDINATOR SHALL COMPLETE AN ASSESSMENT OF THE NUMBER, TYPES, AND COST OF THE ADDITIONAL BEDS AND THE SUPPORTIVE SERVICES NEEDED TO PLACE ALL CHILDREN IN PEDIATRIC OVERSTAYS IN THE LEAST RESTRICTIVE PLACEMENT, AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. THE COORDINATOR SHALL MAKE THIS ASSESSMENT BY WORKING WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF

- (1) THE MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
- (2) THE MARYLAND DEPARTMENT HUMAN SERVICES,
- (3) PRIVATE PLACEMENT PROVIDERS OF FOSTER CARE SERVICES,
- (4) PRIVATE PLACEMENT PROVIDERS OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES,
- (5) DISABILITY RIGHTS MARYLAND,
- (6) THE OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC DEFENDER,
- (7) ATTORNEYS WHO REPRESENT FOSTER CHILDREN IN PEDIATRIC OVERSTAYS,
- (8) MARYLAND LEGAL AID,
- (9) COURT APPOINTED SPECIAL ADVOCATES OF MARYLAND, AND
- (10) MARYLAND CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN ACADEMY OF PEDIATRICS.

Page 5, Line 25

Change “(E)” to “(F)”

Page 5, line 29

Insert between “PEDIATRIC HOSPITAL OVERSTAY PATIENTS” and “IN THE STATE” with “AND CHILDREN IN UNLICENSED SETTINGS”.

Page 5, line 31

Add after “ACHIEVE APPROPRIATE PLACEMENT” with “, AND THESE REPORTS SHALL INCLUDE”

Page 6, line 1

Add new paragraphs (1), (2), and (3):

- (1) PLANS TO END THE PRACTICES OF CHILDREN RESIDING IN HOSPITAL OVERSTAYS AND UNLICENSED SETTINGS,
- (2) DATA THAT INFORMS HOW THE PLANS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED, AND

(3) THE ANTICIPATED TIMELINE WHEN PRACTICES OF CHILDREN RESIDING IN HOSPITAL OVERSTAYS AND UNLICENSED SETTINGS WILL CEASE.”

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