

CHAPTER 84

(Senate Bill 742)

AN ACT concerning

Advisory Council on Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder

FOR the purpose of establishing an Advisory Council on Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder; providing for the membership, chairman, ~~terms of office~~, and staff of the Advisory Council; requiring the Advisory Council to study and take certain actions regarding attention deficit hyperactivity disorder; requiring the Governor and State agencies to implement the recommendations of the Task Force to Study the Uses of Methylphenidate and Other Drugs on School Children; requiring ~~annual~~ certain reports by the Advisory Council; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to the Advisory Council on Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder.

BY adding to

Article 49D – Office for Children, Youth, and Families

Section 39 to be under the new subtitle “Advisory Council on Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder”

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1998 Replacement Volume and 1999 Supplement)

Preamble

WHEREAS, The Task Force to Study the Uses of Methylphenidate and Other Drugs on School Children, created by the General Assembly in 1997 and staffed with leading national experts, issued recommendations in March 1999 which have not yet been acted upon; and

WHEREAS, There are 1.5 million to 2.5 million children in the United States under the age of 18 years who are currently experiencing attention deficit hyperactivity disorder; and

WHEREAS, Professionals working with youth and parents need to understand how to identify and manage attention deficit hyperactivity disorder; and

WHEREAS, The appropriate treatment of each case of attention deficit hyperactivity disorder requires a collaboration among teachers, parents, and medical personnel; and

WHEREAS, Teachers and school personnel require training and assistance in dealing with children experiencing attention deficit hyperactivity disorder; and

WHEREAS, There is a need for State guidelines and uniform procedures regarding the diagnosis and treatment of attention deficit hyperactivity disorder; now, therefore