

~~(D) AS AN ALTERNATIVE TO PLACEMENT OF THE PATIENTS MENTIONED IN SUBSECTION (A) THE DEPARTMENT MAY MAKE PAYMENT FOR CARE OF SUCH PATIENTS IN THE PATIENT'S HOME OR IN A HOME OF A RELATIVE, FRIEND, NEIGHBOR, OR OTHER PERSON PROVIDED SUCH HOMES HAVE BEEN APPROVED BY THE DEPARTMENT AS BEING A SATISFACTORY ENVIRONMENT FOR SUCH PLACEMENT. THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE'S MEDICAID PROGRAM IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO MAKE PAYMENT FOR SUCH SERVICES IN A FOSTER CARE HOME SO DESIGNATED, BASED UPON THE NEEDS OF THE PERSON OR PERSONS WHO ARE PLACED IN SUCH A FACILITY. IN ANY EVENT, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL NOT MAKE PAYMENT AT A RATE HIGHER THAN THAT PAID FOR CARE IN A LONG TERM INTERMEDIATE (A) CARE FACILITY. THE DEPARTMENT AS A PART OF THIS PROGRAM SHALL MAKE MONTHLY VISITS TO ENSURE THAT THE FACILITY AND PERSONS OPERATING THE FACILITY ARE PROVIDING ADEQUATE CARE, BASED UPON AN ASSESSMENT OF THE PATIENT'S NEEDS.~~

(D) BY JANUARY JULY 1, 1979 THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE ON AGING, SHALL SUBMIT PLANS TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FOR THE ALTERNATIVE PLACEMENT OF PATIENTS MENTIONED IN SUBSECTION (A) IN HOMES OF RELATIVES AND OTHER RESPONSIBLE PERSONS WILLING TO PROVIDE A SATISFACTORY ENVIRONMENT FOR SUCH PLACEMENT BASED UPON THE NEEDS OF THE INDIVIDUAL PATIENT. THESE PLANS SHALL INCLUDE A MEANS TO PROVIDE FOR THE TIMELY EVALUATION OF THE SUPERVISION REQUIRED FOR INDIVIDUAL PATIENTS.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1978.

Approved May 29, 1978.

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CHAPTER 1002

(House Bill 727)

AN ACT concerning

Institutes Educational Programs for the  
Handicapped - Standards

FOR the purpose of prohibiting the State Board of Education from establishing standards for nonpublic institutes of education for the handicapped that are different from standards for public educational institutes for the handicapped requiring that standards established by the State Board of Education for the approval of educational programs for the handicapped located outside Maryland be the same standards applicable to programs located within Maryland; and prohibiting approval of any program located outside Maryland if the charges for pupils approved for placement are higher than charges for pupils from any other State for the