

CHAPTER 225

(Senate Bill 140)

AN ACT concerning

Mental Retardation Administration - Care and Training

FOR the purpose of restricting applicability to State facilities; providing for full implementation of all individualized plans of care for persons in certain facilities; requiring periodic reevaluation of the effectiveness of individualized plans of care for persons in certain facilities; removing a certain restriction; and clarifying language.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 59A - Mental Retardation
Section 8A
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1972 Replacement Volume and 1978 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That section(s) of the Annotated Code of Maryland be repealed, amended, or enacted to read as follows:

Article 59A - Mental Retardation

8A.

(A) On March 1, 1977, every individual in or admitted to any A STATE residential facility operated or licensed by the Mental Retardation Administration shall have an individualized plan of care, including training, appropriate therapeutic programs, and recreational activities developed for him in writing by professional and supportive personnel [as provided for herein]. The EFFECTIVENESS OF THE EFFECTIVENESS--OF-THE individualized plans PLAN plan of care shall be reevaluated periodically.

(B) The Director of Mental Retardation is responsible for PROVIDING ALL NECESSARY PROFESSIONAL AND SUPPORT PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT FOR FULL implementation of these plans [subject to budget appropriation] and shall issue appropriate directives to carry out the intent of this section.

(C) BEGINNING JULY 17, 1980, THE EFFECTIVENESS--OF--THE INDIVIDUALIZED---PLANS---OF---CARE---SHALL---BE---REEVALUATED PERIODICALLY. THE SUPERINTENDENT OR DIRECTOR OF THE STATE RESIDENTIAL FACILITY AND ONE OTHER PROFESSIONAL PERSON OF THE FACILITY CARRYING MAJOR PROGRAM RESPONSIBILITY WHO DID NOT PARTICIPATE IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE INDIVIDUALIZED PLANS OF CARE SHALL REVIEW AND EITHER APPROVE, MODIFY, OR DISAPPROVE EACH INDIVIDUALIZED PLAN OF CARE AS WRITTEN.