

(A) IN THIS SUBTITLE, THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

(B) "HEARING IMPAIRED PERSON" MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL WHOSE HEARING IMPAIRMENT IS SO SEVERE THAT THE INDIVIDUAL IS IMPAIRED IN PROCESSING LINGUISTIC INFORMATION THROUGH HEARING, WITH OR WITHOUT AMPLIFICATION.

(C) "PROGRAM FACILITY" MEANS A PRIVATE OR EXISTING STATE FACILITY IN WHICH THE SECRETARY ESTABLISHES A PILOT PROGRAM TO PROVIDE COMPREHENSIVE OUTPATIENT MENTAL HYGIENE CARE AND TREATMENT FOR HEARING IMPAIRED CHILDREN, ADULTS, AND THEIR FAMILIES.

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(A) THE SECRETARY SHALL ESTABLISH AND EQUIP, WITHIN A PRIVATE OR EXISTING STATE FACILITY A PILOT PROGRAM TO PROVIDE A COMPREHENSIVE PROGRAM OF OUTPATIENT MENTAL HYGIENE CARE AND TREATMENT FOR HEARING IMPAIRED CHILDREN, ADULTS, AND THEIR FAMILIES.

(B) THE PILOT PROGRAM SHALL BE LOCATED WITHIN THE BALTIMORE-WASHINGTON CORRIDOR BECAUSE OF THE GREATER CONCENTRATION OF HEARING IMPAIRED PERSONS RESIDING IN THAT AREA.

(C) (1) THERE IS AN ADVISORY COMMITTEE WHICH SHALL BE CONSULTED WITH REGARD TO THE GOVERNANCE AND ADMINISTRATION OF THE PROGRAM AND WHICH SHALL SERVE AS THE PROGRAM'S LINK WITH THE HEARING IMPAIRED COMMUNITY.

(2) THE COMMITTEE SHALL BE COMPOSED OF THREE MEMBERS OF THE MARYLAND ASSOCIATION OF THE ~~DEAF HEARING IMPAIRED~~, ~~TWO DEAF~~, TWO HEARING IMPAIRED MENTAL HEALTH PRACTITIONERS, TWO HEARING MENTAL HEALTH PRACTITIONERS, ONE PARENT OF A DEAF HEARING IMPAIRED CHILD, ONE PERSON FROM THE ~~ALEXANDER-GRAHAM-BELL-ASSOCIATION-OF-THE-DEAF~~ MARYLAND ASSOCIATION FOR ~~THE~~ HEARING IMPAIRED CHILDREN, AND ~~ONE~~ TWO PERSONS FROM THE FIELD OF DEAF EDUCATION.

(3) THE SECRETARY SHALL APPOINT THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE FROM RECOMMENDATIONS MADE BY THE MARYLAND ASSOCIATION OF THE DEAF, THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF THE DEAF, THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF PARENTS OF THE DEAF, THE MARYLAND SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF, THE ~~ALEXANDER-GRAHAM-BELL ASSOCIATION-OF-THE-DEAF~~ MARYLAND ASSOCIATION FOR THE HEARING IMPAIRED ~~ALEXANDER GRAHAM BELL ASSOCIATION OF THE DEAF~~, THE MARYLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL OF CHILD PSYCHIATRY, THE MARYLAND CHAPTER OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF SOCIAL WORKERS, THE MARYLAND PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION, AND THE MARYLAND STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION.

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IN CONSULTATION WITH THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE, THE SECRETARY SHALL:

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