

former reference to a "multicounty region" is deleted since the appropriate recipient cannot be identified.

In subsection (b)(3) of this section, reference to "county" boards of education is substituted for the reference to "local" boards, for clarity.

Defined terms: "County" § 1-101
 "Director" § 7-101 "Group home" § 7-101

7-320. SITE SELECTION BY COUNTIES.

(A) IN GENERAL.

(1) IF THE DIRECTOR CERTIFIES THAT A PUBLIC GROUP HOME IS NEEDED IN A COUNTY OR MULTICOUNTY REGION, THE COUNTY OR THE COUNTIES IN THE REGION, IN CONSULTATION WITH LOCAL CONSUMER GROUPS, PROMPTLY SHALL CHOOSE A SITE THAT MEETS THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE RULES AND REGULATIONS ADOPTED UNDER THIS SUBTITLE.

(2) BEFORE SUBMITTING A PROPOSED SITE TO THE DIRECTOR, THE GOVERNING BODY FOR THE COUNTY WHERE THE SITE IS LOCATED SHALL HOLD AT LEAST ONE PUBLIC HEARING IN THAT COUNTY.

(B) COOPERATION OF DIRECTOR.

THE DIRECTOR SHALL COOPERATE WITH AND HELP THE COUNTY OR COUNTIES TO CHOOSE A SUITABLE SITE.

(C) DEFAULT BY COUNTY.

IF, WITHIN 6 MONTHS AFTER THE DIRECTOR CERTIFIES A NEED FOR A PUBLIC GROUP HOME, A SUITABLE SITE IS NOT SUBMITTED TO THE DIRECTOR, THE DIRECTOR SHALL DECLARE THE COUNTY OR COUNTIES TO BE IN DEFAULT. HOWEVER, FOR GOOD CAUSE SHOWN, THE DIRECTOR MAY EXTEND THE 6-MONTH PERIOD FOR NOT MORE THAN ANOTHER 3 MONTHS.

(D) STATE ACTION ON DEFAULT.

WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER A DEFAULT BY A COUNTY OR COUNTIES, THE DIRECTOR SHALL:

(1) CHOOSE A SUITABLE SITE; AND

(2) AFTER HOLDING A PUBLIC HEARING IN THE COUNTY WHERE THE SITE IS LOCATED, RECOMMEND THE SITE TO THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS.

REVISOR'S NOTE: Subsections (a), (b), (c), and (d)(2) of this section are new language derived without substantive change from former Article 59A, § 19D(a), (c), and the first sentence of (d).