

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That section(s) of the Annotated Code of Maryland (as enacted by Chapter _____ (H.B. 200) of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1982) read(s) as follows:

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(c) - (1) -- THE -- ADMINISTRATION -- SHALL -- ESTABLISH -- AND MAINTAIN -- PROVIDE -- FOR A REGIONAL INSTITUTE FOR CHILDREN AND ADOLESCENTS IN PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY -- BY -- JULY -- 1, -- 1983. THIS -- REGIONAL -- INSTITUTE SHALL BE A DUPLICATE OF THE PROGRAM OPERATING -- AT -- THE -- REGIONAL -- INSTITUTE -- FOR -- CHILDREN -- AND ADOLESCENTS -- IN -- MONTGOMERY -- COUNTY.

(2) -- THE -- REGIONAL -- CENTER -- INSTITUTE -- IS -- A RESIDENTIAL -- CENTER -- FOR -- SEVERELY -- EMOTIONALLY -- DISTURBED CHILDREN AND ADOLESCENTS.

(3) -- THE -- CENTER -- SHALL -- OPERATE -- DEPARTMENT -- OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE SHALL PROVIDE RESIDENTIAL AND -- DAY TREATMENT -- PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN AND ADOLESCENTS FROM PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY -- -- AND -- UNTIL -- -- A -- SEPARATE -- INSTITUTE -- IS ESTABLISHED -- FOR -- THE -- TRI -- COUNTY -- AREA, -- CHILDREN -- AND ADOLESCENTS FROM CALVERT, CHARLES, AND ST. -- MARY'S -- COUNTIES SHALL BE SERVED BY THE REGIONAL INSTITUTE IN PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY. -- EXCEPT FOR INDIVIDUAL CASES IN WHICH THE DEPARTMENT WAIVES THE REQUIREMENT, CHILDREN AND ADOLESCENTS FROM PRINCE GEORGE'S -- COUNTY MAY NOT BE SERVED BY THE REGIONAL INSTITUTE FOR CHILDREN AND ADOLESCENTS -- IN -- MONTGOMERY -- COUNTY. -- -- THE NUMBER OF CHILDREN AND ADOLESCENTS FOR WHICH THE REQUIREMENT IS -- WAIVED -- MAY -- NOT -- EXCEED -- 6 -- 12 FOR THE 1982-1983 SCHOOL YEAR AND 6 THEREAFTER.

(i) -- THE INSTITUTE SHALL OFFER TO -- CONTRACT THE -- EDUCATION PROGRAM TO THE LOCAL EDUCATIONAL AGENCY. -- THE COSTS OF THE CONTRACT SHALL BE DETERMINED BY USING THE -- SAME PER -- PUPIL -- COSTS -- AS -- IS -- USED -- IN -- THE -- CONTRACT FOR THESE SERVICES AT THE REGIONAL INSTITUTE IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY.

(ii) -- IF -- THE -- LOCAL -- EDUCATIONAL -- AGENCY DECLINES -- TO -- CONTRACT WITH THE INSTITUTE, THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE MAY OPERATE AN -- EDUCATION -- PROGRAM DIRECTLY OR CONTRACT WITH ANOTHER QUALIFIED PROVIDER.

(4) -- THE -- DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE SHALL ESTABLISH GUIDELINES -- 7 -- IN COOPERATION WITH -- THE -- LOCAL BOARD -- OF -- EDUCATION, -- FOR -- THE -- OPERATION -- OF -- THE REGIONAL INSTITUTE FOR CHILDREN AND ADOLESCENTS -- IN -- PRINCE -- GEORGE'S COUNTY.

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