

FOR the purpose of requiring certain residential treatment centers to notify certain residents and certain representatives, family members, legal guardians, or custodians of certain occurrences within a certain period of time; ~~authorizing certain individuals to send a notice to a residential treatment center declining certain notification or specifying certain circumstances under which notification is required~~ *certain response to certain residential treatment centers waiving certain notification or requiring notification only under certain circumstances*; requiring certain residential treatment centers to document certain notifications and certain responses in certain medical records; requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to require certain residential treatment centers to notify certain residents and certain representatives, family members, legal guardians, or custodians under certain circumstances; defining ~~a certain term~~ *certain terms*; and generally relating to residential treatment centers.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
 Article – Health – General
 Section 19–301(p)
 Annotated Code of Maryland
 (2005 Replacement Volume and 2005 Supplement)

BY adding to
 Article – Health – General
 Section 19–305
 Annotated Code of Maryland
 (2005 Replacement Volume and 2005 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article – Health - General

19–301.

(p) “Residential treatment center” means a psychiatric institution that provides campus–based intensive and extensive evaluation and treatment of children and adolescents with severe and chronic emotional disturbances who require a self–contained therapeutic, educational, and recreational program in a residential setting.

19–305.

(A) (1) IN THIS SECTION; THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

(2) “ADVERSE EVENT” MEANS AN UNEXPECTED OCCURRENCE THAT:

(1) IS RELATED TO A RESIDENT’S MEDICAL OR BEHAVIORAL TREATMENT; AND