

accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign House Bill 1286.

Very truly yours,
Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr.
Governor

House Bill No. 1286

AN ACT concerning

**Health - General - Residential Treatment Centers - ~~Changes in Condition~~
Required Notice**

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 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