

FOR the purpose of authorizing private therapeutic group homes for emotionally disturbed children and adolescents; delineating the responsibilities of the Director of the Mental Hygiene Administration as to programs for certain children and adolescents; providing for the adoption of rules and regulations that include requirements for operating a private therapeutic group home; setting out requirements for placement in the homes; requiring a certain plan and an annual report be submitted to certain persons; providing for the preparation of individual treatment plans for certain persons; providing for action by the Director as to applications for placement of certain children and adolescents within a certain time period; providing for the funding of certain programs or services; providing for the reimbursement for services provided in certain programs; ~~providing for the reimbursement for services provided in certain programs;~~ ~~providing for the receipt of certain federal funds;~~ providing for a periodic evaluation of certain homes; and generally relating to the provision of community residential mental health care for children and adolescents.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Health - General
Section 10-101(i), 10-902(a), and 16-101(e)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1982 Volume and 1983 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article - Health - General
Section 10-920 through ~~10-927~~ 10-926 to be under the new part "Part IV. Community Residential Mental Health Programs for Children and Adolescents", and 16-304
Annotated Code of Maryland
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Preamble

It is the policy of the State:

(1) To promote, protect, and preserve the well-being and general welfare of children and adolescents who suffer from mental disorders.

(2) To encourage the full development of the ability and potential of each emotionally disturbed child and adolescent in the State.

(3) To provide appropriate residential services for those emotionally disturbed children and adolescents who, because of their mental disorders require residential and therapeutic services not available in the home.