C.   FORWARD THE FINGERPRINTS THROUGH THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE INFORMATION SYSTEM CENTRAL REPOSITORY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND CORRECTIONAL SERVICES FOR TRANSMITTAL TO THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION FOR A NATIONAL CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORDS CHECK; AND

2.   APPLICANTS FOR LICENSE RENEWAL MAY NOT BE SUBJECT TO THESE PROVISIONS.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 1996.

Approved May 23, 1996.

CHAPTER 593

(Senate Bill 685)

AN ACT concerning

Community Services Reimbursement Rate Commission

FOR the purpose of establishing a Community Services Reimbursement Rate Commission; specifying the membership, term, and duties of the Commission; specifying the authority of the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene in regard to the Commission; requiring the Commission to make certain assessments related to certain reimbursement rates employed by the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, the Developmental Disabilities Administration, and the Mental Hygiene Administration; requiring the Commission to submit a certain report to certain persons; providing for the termination of this Act; defining certain terms; and generally relating to the Community Services Reimbursement Rate Commission.

BY adding to
    Article – Health – General
    Section 13–801 through 13–810 to be under the new subtitle "Subtitle 8. Community Services Reimbursement Rate Commission"
    Annotated Code of Maryland
    (1994 Replacement Volume and 1995 Supplement)

Preamble

WHEREAS, The State of Maryland has a responsibility to ensure that community–based services for individuals with developmental disabilities and psychiatric disabilities are of high quality and comply with all regulations; and

WHEREAS, The General Assembly is concerned that reimbursement rates for community–based service providers funded by the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to serve individuals with developmental disabilities and psychiatric disabilities may not be adequate to retain high quality direct care workers; and