

CHAPTER 593

(Senate Bill 499)

AN ACT concerning

Welfare Innovation Act of 1997

FOR the purpose of requiring individuals receiving benefits under the Family Investment Program to comply with certain additional eligibility requirements related to obtaining a certain health screen within a certain time period and, if appropriate, participating and complying with certain substance abuse treatment protocols under certain circumstances; requiring an applicant or recipient under the Family Investment Program to sign and return a certain medical consent form to a certain person to allow the Department of Human Resources to receive certain information; requiring institutions of higher education to develop and implement a certain ~~program and~~ program; requiring institutions of higher education to submit a certain report; requiring the Maryland Higher Education Commission to submit a certain report to the Joint Committee on Welfare Reform; prohibiting an organization funded under the Family Investment Program from taking certain discriminatory actions; providing for the use of certain funds by certain organizations; requiring the Secretary of Human Resources to adopt certain regulations; requiring the Department to provide temporary cash assistance to legal immigrants who meet Family Investment Program eligibility requirements and certain other requirements; providing for the amount of assistance; requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to provide medical assistance benefits to certain legal immigrants and certain legal immigrant children under certain circumstances; requiring that certain legal immigrant children be provided food stamp benefits under certain circumstances; altering certain provisions of law related to child support collected for children who are subject to the child-specific benefit under the Family Investment Program; altering a certain provision of law to add certain conditions on when a minor parent may live in an adult-supervised group living arrangement; authorizing a local department of social services to pay an administrative fee to certain persons under certain circumstances; requiring certain managed care organizations to provide a certain benefit to certain enrollees who are recipients of temporary cash assistance under the Family Investment Program; requiring the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene to seek a certain waiver or take certain other steps to obtain federal reimbursement for providing Maryland Medical Assistance Program services to certain minors under certain circumstances; requiring the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene to seek a certain waiver or take certain other steps to obtain federal funding for a certain additional benefit to be provided to certain Family Investment Program recipients under certain circumstances; defining a certain term; altering certain provisions of law related to the immunity of ~~volunteers~~ individuals engaged in certain community service work activity for certain actions under certain circumstances; altering the Maryland Tort Claims Act to include certain nonprofit organizations ~~that are serving as third party payees for purposes of~~ and certain students, faculty, and staff members of institutions of higher education providing certain services under the Family Investment Program and certain other individuals providing a certain service under the Family Investment Program under