

the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene submits a plan to the budget committees *Senate Budget and Taxation Committee, the Senate Finance Committee, the House Appropriations Committee, and the House Health and Government Operations Committee* that provides for a network of State-run psychiatric facilities to include only two large regional hospitals as well as any other proposed reconfiguration of bed space. The plan shall be submitted no later than September 1, 2003.

It is the intent of the General Assembly that the State shall develop a network of State-run psychiatric facilities to include two, rather than the current three, large regional hospitals while maintaining existing bed capacity. The General Assembly understands that to improve staffing and operational efficiency and to enhance the treatment environment, significant capital improvements are required at Springfield, Spring Grove, and Crownsville hospitals. Making such improvements at all three hospitals would cost in current dollars over \$174,000,000. However, making improvements to just two facilities, to include one large new hospital, could result in savings of up to \$70,000,000.

The plan shall include proposed bed capacity by facility and a detailed time-line on the transition necessary to achieve reconfiguration. The budget committees shall have 45 days to review and comment upon the plan

Federal Fund Appropriation.....

5,355,064

911,482

6,266,546

M00L01.02 Community Services
 General Fund Appropriation

85,852,000

84,227,000

82,727,000

83,477,000