

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the provisions of this Act shall apply to a contractual employee who transfers to or is selected to fill a budgeted position between July 1, 2000 and July 1, 2001.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2002. It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and, at the end of September 30, 2003, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.

May 16, 2002

The Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr.
President of the Senate
State House
Annapolis MD 21401

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, I have today vetoed Senate Bill 556 – Mental Hygiene – Maryland Mental Health Crisis Response System.

This bill establishes the Maryland Mental Health Crisis Response System within the Mental Hygiene Administration of the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene.

House Bill 483, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign Senate Bill 556.

Sincerely,
Parris N. Glendening
Governor

Senate Bill No. 556

AN ACT concerning

Mental Hygiene – Maryland Mental Health Crisis Response System

FOR the purpose of establishing the Maryland Mental Health Crisis Response System in the Mental Hygiene Administration; requiring the crisis response system to use and coordinate certain services to develop an effective crisis response system to serve all individuals in the State; requiring the crisis response system to provide certain clinical interventions; requiring the crisis response system to respond quickly and effectively to community crisis situations; requiring the Mental Hygiene Administration to consult with certain entities in the development of the crisis response system; requiring the crisis response system to include crisis communication centers, emergency services, follow-up services, community awareness promotion and training programs, and a certain evaluation of outcomes of services; requiring services to be implemented as determined by certain core service agencies; providing that