

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene shall, in consultation with assisted living managers, health care professionals who have expertise in providing assisted living care, Mid-Atlantic LifeSpan, the Health Facilities Association of Maryland, the Alzheimer's Association, the Mental Health Association of Maryland, and other interested parties, develop core topics and guidelines to be used by organizations in developing an assisted living manager training course and examination.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

(a) The Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, in consultation with assisted living services consumers and providers, shall conduct an evaluation of assisted living services in the State.

(b) (1) The Department shall submit a report regarding the evaluation to the Senate Finance Committee and the House Health and Government Operations Committee, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, on or before January 1, 2005.

(2) The report shall include recommendations regarding:

(i) training requirements for assisted living managers not covered under § 19-1807 of the Health - General Article;

(ii) quality standards for assisted living programs with fewer than 17 beds; and

(iii) a method for improving the efficiency of the assisted living regulatory process.

SECTION ~~3~~ 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2004.

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CHAPTER 311

(Senate Bill 812)

AN ACT concerning

Higher Education — ~~University System of Maryland~~ - Approval of New Programs — ~~Repeal of Sunset~~

FOR the purpose of altering certain procedures governing the proposal and approval of new programs at certain institutions of higher education; altering certain reporting requirements; altering the criteria for the review of certain programs; altering the basis for filing certain objections to the implementation of certain programs; requiring the Maryland Higher Education Commission to identify certain low-productivity programs at certain institutions; requiring a certain report to be made available to certain institutions of higher education; requiring