

CHAPTER 390

(House Bill 981)

AN ACT concerning

Health and Human Services Referral System

FOR the purpose of establishing the Health and Human Services Referral Board in the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene; providing for the membership, tenure, chairperson, and staff of the Board; providing oversight for certain pilot programs; requiring the Board to make certain determinations; requiring certain reports at certain times; providing that funding for the Board is subject to the availability of appropriated funds; defining certain terms; and generally relating to the Health and Human Services Referral System.

BY adding to

Article - Health - General

Section 24-1101 through ~~24-1104~~ 24-1105, inclusive, to be under the new subtitle "Subtitle 11. Health and Human Services Referral System"

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2000 Replacement Volume and 2003 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article - Health - General

SUBTITLE 11. HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES REFERRAL SYSTEM.

24-1101.

(A) IN THIS SUBTITLE THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

(B) "BOARD" MEANS THE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES REFERRAL BOARD.

(C) "HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES REFERRAL SYSTEM" MEANS TELEPHONE SERVICE THAT AUTOMATICALLY CONNECTS AN INDIVIDUAL DIALING THE DIGITS 2-1-1 TO AN ESTABLISHED INFORMATION AND REFERRAL ANSWERING POINT.

(D) (1) "PILOT PROGRAM" MEANS ONE OF FOUR SELF-FUNDED PILOT PROGRAMS ESTABLISHED BEFORE OCTOBER 1, 2004, BY A TASK FORCE DESIGNATED BY THE STATE OF MARYLAND PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION THAT INCLUDES THE MARYLAND STATE ASSOCIATION OF UNITED WAYS, THE UNITED WAY OF CENTRAL MARYLAND, THE ALLIANCE OF INFORMATION AND REFERRAL SYSTEMS, AND LOCAL HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS.

(2) "PILOT PROGRAM" INCLUDES:

(I) COMMUNITY CRISIS SERVICES, INC.;