

the Senate Finance Committee and the House Economic Matters Committee on or before July 1, 2005 on the status of enforcement of the provisions of this Act.

SECTION 2. 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 2004.

Approved May 26, 2004.

CHAPTER 438

(Senate Bill 99)

AN ACT concerning

Children's Group Home Residential Child Care Programs - Certification of Program Administrator

FOR the purpose of establishing the State Board for Certification of ~~Children's Group Home Residential Child Care~~ Program Administrators; specifying the membership, powers, and duties of the Board; establishing the terms of and requirements for certain members of the Board; authorizing the Board to employ certain staff in accordance with the budget of the Board; establishing a State Board for Certification of ~~Children's Group Home Residential Child Care~~ Program Administrators Fund; establishing certain immunity from liability for certain persons under certain circumstances; requiring an individual to be certified before the individual may administer a ~~children's group home residential child care~~ program licensed by certain State departments; establishing certain procedures in the event that a program administrator leaves or is removed; specifying the qualifications for certain certificates; specifying application procedures for certain applications; authorizing the issuance and renewal of certain certificates; authorizing certain individuals with certificates to administer certain programs; providing for the expiration and renewal of certain certificates; establishing certain grounds for discipline; requiring the Board to provide certain hearing procedures before certain individuals may be disciplined under this Act; prohibiting certain acts; making certain exceptions; establishing certain penalties; establishing a certain date by which all licensed ~~children's group home residential child care~~ programs shall have certified program administrators; providing that the State Board for Certification of ~~Children's Group Home Residential Child Care~~ Program Administrators is subject to the provisions of the Maryland Program Evaluation Act; defining certain terms; stating the intent of the General Assembly that certain funds be included in the State budget for certain purposes and that when certain special funds become available, the special funds be used to reimburse the General Fund; specifying the terms of the initial members of the Board; and generally relating to the certification of individuals to administer ~~children's group home residential child care~~ programs.

BY renumbering