

IN A STATE RESIDENTIAL CENTER OR A COMMUNITY SETTING FOR FAMILIES CARING FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH MENTAL RETARDATION AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES IN THEIR HOMES.

(2) (I) THE GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATION IN PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION SHALL BE IN ADDITION TO AND MAY NOT SUPPLANT FUNDS ALREADY BUDGETED FOR RESPITE CARE.

(II) NO FUNDS MAY BE TRANSFERRED FROM COMMUNITY SERVICES FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES TO PAY FOR RESPITE CARE PROVIDED IN A STATE RESIDENTIAL CENTER.

(F) BEGINNING IN FISCAL YEAR 2006, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL INCLUDE IN THE MANAGING FOR RESULTS INDICATORS SUBMITTED WITH ITS ANNUAL BUDGET REQUEST AN INDICATOR OF THE SATISFACTION FAMILIES EXPERIENCE WITH RESPITE SERVICES PROVIDED IN A STATE RESIDENTIAL CENTER.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene shall include contact information for each of the four State residential centers on the Developmental Disabilities Administration website under the list of providers in each region of the State, in order for families and individuals to contact the State residential centers to inquire about respite care.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene shall study the demand for respite beds in the State residential centers and, as part of the study, determine how many beds could potentially be reserved for respite care. On or before January 1, 2007, the Department shall report, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, to the Senate Finance Committee and House Health and Government Operations Committee on the results of its study.

SECTION 2. 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2004. It shall remain effective for a period of 3 years and, at the end of September 30, 2007, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.

Approved April 27, 2004.

CHAPTER 179

(House Bill 483)

AN ACT concerning

Minority Business Enterprise Program - Personal Net Worth

FOR the purpose of altering the maximum personal net worth threshold for participation in the minority business enterprise program; altering a certain term; and generally relating to requirements for participation in the minority business enterprise program.