CHAPTER 145

(Senate Bill 339)

AN ACT concerning

Drug Treatment - Maryland State Drug and Alcohol Abuse Council - Study of the State's Approach to Drug Treatment and the Feasibility of Communal-Setting Treatment

FOR the purpose of requiring the Director of the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Administration in the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to report to the Governor and to certain committees regarding the State's approach to drug treatment and the feasibility of communal setting treatment; Maryland State Drug and Alcohol Abuse Council to include a certain review of the State's approach to drug treatment in the two-year strategic review; and generally relating to the State's approach to drug treatment.

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That, on or before December 1, 2007, the Director of the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Administration in the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene shall study and report to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2–1246 of the State Government Article, the Senate Finance Committee and Judicial Proceedings Committee and the House Health and Government Operations Committee and Judiciary Committee regarding the State's approach to drug treatment and the feasibility of communal setting treatment, including:

- (1) actual-drug treatment;
- (2) skill training;
- (3) career training; and
- (4) housing possibilities the Maryland State Drug and Alcohol Abuse Council shall include in the two-year strategic plan a review of the State's approach to drug treatment, including a review of the appropriate location of treatment services and the use of employment and housing services for individuals in treatment.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June 1,2007.

Approved by the Governor, April 24, 2007.