

Education and Placement Practices; providing for the membership and staffing of the Task Force; providing that the members of the Task Force may not receive compensation but are entitled to a certain reimbursement; establishing the duties of the Task Force; requiring the Task Force to submit certain reports to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before certain dates; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to the Task Force to Study Group Home Education and Placement Practices.

~~BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article Human Services
Section 9-231
Annotated Code of Maryland
(As enacted by Chapter ___ (S.B.6) of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2007)~~

~~BY adding to
Article Human Services
Section 9-231.1
Annotated Code of Maryland
(As enacted by Chapter ___ (S.B.6) of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2007)~~

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

~~Article Human Services~~

~~9-231.~~

~~(a) The Department may place children in group homes and institutions operated by nonprofit or for profit entities to provide for their care, diagnosis, training, education, and rehabilitation.~~

~~(b) (1) The Department shall reimburse the entities described in subsection (a) of this section for the cost of the services at appropriate monthly rates that the Department determines, as provided in the State budget.~~

~~(2) The Department may establish different reimbursement rates for homes and institutions that provide intermediate services and homes and institutions that provide full services.~~

~~(c) The Department may not place a child in a group home or other residential facility that is not operating in compliance with applicable State licensing laws.~~

~~9-231.1.~~