

Section 10-101(e)(3)(xvi)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1988 Replacement Volume and 1991 Supplement)

(As enacted by Chapter _____ (H.B. 219) of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1992)

BY adding to

Article - Education

Section 13-1C-01 through 13-1C-05, inclusive, to be under the new subtitle "Subtitle 1C. Montebello Center"

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BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Health - General

Section 19-502

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Preamble

WHEREAS, It has proven unnecessarily costly and administratively cumbersome for the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to continue to finance, manage, and carry out the extremely specialized patient care activities of a comprehensive inpatient rehabilitation hospital such as Montebello Center within the existing framework of a State agency; and

WHEREAS, The applicable laws, management structures, and operating procedures developed to implement the functions of a governmental agency differ fundamentally from those necessary to maintain a state-of-the-art rehabilitation facility; and

WHEREAS, Including a comprehensive inpatient rehabilitation facility in the range of health care services coordinated by the University of Maryland Medical System Corporation makes sense as institutional management, because it would bring to Montebello Center all of the contemporary legal and operational expertise indispensable to the administration and further development of a major national teaching and research health care institution; and

WHEREAS, The interests of the citizens of the State and the region will best be met by transferring the Department's interest and involvement in the hospital to the University of Maryland Medical System Corporation, to receive the maximum benefit from the independence and flexibility of management and funding exercised by a private, nonprofit corporation; and