

(3) DETERMINING THE EXTENT TO WHICH THE SUBSTANCE ABUSE PROGRAMS ARE ACCESSIBLE TO THOSE ADDICTED TO DRUGS AND ALCOHOL WHO SEEK TREATMENT;

(4) DETERMINING THE AMOUNT OF FUNDING CURRENTLY AVAILABLE FOR SUBSTANCE ABUSE PROGRAMS;

(5) TAKING ANY OTHER ACTION NECESSARY AND PROPER TO CARRY OUT THE PURPOSE OF THIS SECTION; ~~AND~~

(6) EXAMINING THE AVAILABILITY OF SUBSTANCE ABUSE PROGRAMS DESIGNED FOR WOMEN, PREGNANT WOMEN, AND WOMEN WITH CHILDREN, AS WELL AS THE OUTCOMES OF THESE PROGRAMS IN RELATION TO THE LENGTH OF STAY;

(7) EXAMINING THE HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE AVAILABLE IN THE STATE FOR SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT;

~~(6)~~ (8) MAKING RECOMMENDATIONS TO INCREASE THE AVAILABILITY OF SUBSTANCE ABUSE PROGRAMS, BOTH SHORT-TERM AND LONG-TERM;

~~(7)~~ (9) EXAMINING THE REASONS FOR PUBLIC OPPOSITION TO SUBSTANCE ABUSE PROGRAMS; AND

~~(8)~~ (10) MAKING RECOMMENDATIONS TO DECREASE PUBLIC OPPOSITION TO SUBSTANCE ABUSE PROGRAMS TO ENSURE THAT SUBSTANCE ABUSE PROGRAMS ARE ACCESSIBLE THROUGHOUT THE STATE TO THOSE ADDICTED TO DRUGS WHO SEEK TREATMENT.

(E) MEMBERS OF THE TASK FORCE SHALL SERVE WITHOUT COMPENSATION EXCEPT THAT THE MEMBERS MAY BE REIMBURSED FOR EXPENSES UNDER THE STANDARD STATE TRAVEL REGULATIONS, AS PROVIDED IN THE STATE BUDGET.

(F) THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE, IN COOPERATION WITH OTHER APPROPRIATE STATE AND LOCAL UNITS, SHALL PROVIDE STAFF SUPPORT FOR THE TASK FORCE TO THE EXTENT POSSIBLE WITHIN EXISTING BUDGETED RESOURCES.

(G) THE TASK FORCE SHALL ISSUE A FINAL REPORT OF ITS FINDINGS, RECOMMENDATIONS, AND COMPREHENSIVE STRATEGY TO THE GOVERNOR AND, SUBJECT TO § 2-1246 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 1, 2000.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article - Health - General

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THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL FIND AN APPROPRIATE BERTH IN AN AREA THAT IS SAFE FOR PUBLIC ACCESS FOR A SUBSTANCE ABUSE PROGRAM KNOWN AS THE U.S.S. SANCTUARY.