

Approved by the Governor, May 13, 2008.

CHAPTER 454

(Senate Bill 782)

AN ACT concerning

Residential Child Care Programs – Statement of Need

FOR the purpose of requiring a statement of need for developing, operating, establishing, relocating, or expanding a residential child care program; providing certain exceptions; requiring that, before an application is submitted or a license is granted, the Department of Human Resources ~~and~~ or the Department of Juvenile Services ~~to~~ shall issue a statement of need to a program; requiring the Departments to adopt certain regulations; requiring the Departments to consider certain needs of certain children and consult with certain stakeholders in developing certain regulations; requiring the Departments to provide notification of certain applications in a certain manner; defining certain terms; requiring a certain report on or before a certain date; and generally relating to statements of need for residential child care programs.

BY adding to

Article – Human Services

Section 8-703.1

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2007 Volume)

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

Article – Human Services

8-703.1.

(A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

(2) “LICENSING AGENCY” MEANS: