

HOUSE BILL 1176

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Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Health Care Case Management for At-Risk Juveniles – Work Group**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene to convene
4 a Work Group on Health Care Case Management for At-Risk Juveniles in the
5 State; providing for the membership and staffing of the Work Group; providing
6 for the designation of the chair of the Work Group; prohibiting a member of the
7 Work Group from receiving certain compensation; authorizing a member of the
8 Work Group to receive certain reimbursement; providing for the duties of the
9 Work Group; requiring the Secretary to make a certain report to the Governor
10 and General Assembly on or before a certain date; providing for the termination
11 of this Act; and generally relating to health care case management for at-risk
12 juveniles.

13 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
14 MARYLAND, That:

15 (a) The Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene shall convene a Work Group
16 on Health Care Case Management for At-Risk Juveniles in the State.

17 (b) The Work Group shall include representatives from:

18 (1) the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene;

19 (2) the State Department of Education;

20 (3) the Department of Juvenile Services;

21 (4) the Department of Human Resources;

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



- 1 (5) the Governor's Office for Children, Children's Cabinet;
- 2 (6) the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services;
- 3 (7) local youth service programs;
- 4 (8) juvenile residential treatment centers;
- 5 (9) providers of juvenile mental health care services; and
- 6 (10) providers of juvenile substance abuse services.

7 (c) The Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene shall designate the chair of
8 the Work Group.

9 (d) The Department of Health and Mental Hygiene shall provide staff for the
10 Work Group.

11 (e) A member of the Work Group:

12 (1) may not receive compensation as a member of the Work Group; but

13 (2) is entitled to reimbursement for expenses under the Standard
14 State Travel Regulations, as provided in the State budget.

15 (f) The Work Group shall:

16 (1) develop an inventory of the current policies, contracts, and
17 protocols in the State for case management of the health care needs of juveniles,
18 including primary health care, mental health, and substance abuse;

19 (2) analyze any barriers, including technological issues, that inhibit
20 communication between agencies that provide services to juveniles in the State;

21 (3) provide a description of the entry points at which a juvenile is
22 assessed by federal, State, or local agencies for eligibility for the Maryland Medical
23 Assistance Program or for eligibility for other federal, State, or local aid;

24 (4) develop an inventory of the resources available for at-risk
25 juveniles at the State and local level;

26 (5) develop recommendations, projected costs, and outcome criteria
27 for a health care case management protocol that includes:

28 (i) recommended written plans of care;

29 (ii) procedures to expedite assessments and reassessments;

1 (iii) procedures to perform multidisciplinary assessment and
2 reassessment and to develop or revise an individualized plan of care on a designated
3 form; and

4 (iv) recommendations for multidisciplinary team participants,
5 including the juvenile, the juvenile's legally authorized representative, medical
6 professionals, social workers, and judicial representatives; and

7 (6) develop an assessment tool to designate at-risk juveniles who will
8 be eligible for the health care case management protocol.

9 (g) On or before January 1, 2013, the Secretary of Health and Mental
10 Hygiene shall report, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, to
11 the Governor and General Assembly on the findings of the Work Group.

12 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
13 June 1, 2012. It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and, at the end of May 31,
14 2013, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be
15 abrogated and of no further force and effect.