

SENATE BILL 857

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By: **Senators Hester and Smith**

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Assigned to: Finance

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Health – Maryland Community Health and Public Safety Center of Excellence –**
3 **Establishment**

4 FOR the purpose of establishing the Maryland Community Health and Public Safety
5 Center of Excellence within the Governor’s Office of Crime Prevention, Youth, and
6 Victim Services; establishing the purposes of the Center; authorizing the Center to
7 enter into contracts with certain entities or organizations for certain purposes;
8 requiring that the activities of the Center include certain planning, assistance, and
9 coordination; requiring the Center to provide technical assistance to local
10 governments for certain purposes; requiring the Center to host a certain summit at
11 certain intervals for certain purposes; requiring the Center to support certain
12 workshops and summarize certain rules in certain reports, implement certain
13 systems and policies, and produce and update a certain plan on or before a certain
14 date each year; establishing requirements for the plan; requiring each local
15 jurisdiction to develop a certain plan in collaboration with certain persons; requiring
16 the plan to include certain elements; authorizing a local jurisdiction to use an
17 existing local planning and coordinating committee or local management board to
18 satisfy certain requirements; requiring the Center to prioritize the disbursement of
19 certain federal funds received by the Center for certain purposes; defining certain
20 terms; and generally relating to health and safety in the State.

21 BY adding to

22 Article – Health – General

23 Section 13–4201 through 13–4206 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 42.

24 Maryland Community Health and Public Safety Center of Excellence”

25 Annotated Code of Maryland

26 (2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

27 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,

28 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **Article – Health – General**2 **SUBTITLE 42. MARYLAND COMMUNITY HEALTH AND PUBLIC SAFETY CENTER OF**
3 **EXCELLENCE.**4 **13-4201.**5 (A) IN THIS SUBTITLE THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS
6 INDICATED.7 (B) “CENTER” MEANS THE MARYLAND COMMUNITY HEALTH AND PUBLIC
8 SAFETY CENTER OF EXCELLENCE ESTABLISHED UNDER § 13-4202 OF THIS
9 SUBTITLE.10 (C) “MARYLAND HBCU” MEANS THE FOLLOWING HISTORICALLY BLACK
11 COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES:

12 (1) BOWIE STATE UNIVERSITY;

13 (2) COPPIN STATE UNIVERSITY;

14 (3) MORGAN STATE UNIVERSITY; AND

15 (4) UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND EASTERN SHORE.

16 (D) “SEQUENTIAL INTERCEPT MODEL” MEANS A SYSTEMS-LEVEL
17 FRAMEWORK FOR CRIMINAL JUSTICE, MENTAL HEALTH, AND ADDICTIONS
18 STAKEHOLDERS TO DIVERT ADULTS WITH SERIOUS MENTAL ILLNESS FROM THE
19 CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM TO COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTIONS
20 SERVICES.21 **13-4202.**22 (A) THERE IS A MARYLAND COMMUNITY HEALTH AND PUBLIC SAFETY
23 CENTER OF EXCELLENCE IN THE GOVERNOR’S OFFICE OF CRIME PREVENTION,
24 YOUTH, AND VICTIM SERVICES.

25 (B) THE PURPOSES OF THE CENTER ARE TO:

26 (1) LEAD THE DEVELOPMENT OF A STRATEGIC PLAN TO ENHANCE
27 COMMUNITY HEALTH AND PUBLIC SAFETY;

1 **(2) PROVIDE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS FOR**
2 **DEVELOPING EFFECTIVE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND COMMUNITY HEALTH SYSTEMS**
3 **OF CARE;**

4 **(3) FACILITATE THE DEVELOPMENT OF LOCAL AND REGIONAL**
5 **SEQUENTIAL INTERCEPT MODELS;**

6 **(4) COORDINATE WITH THE DEPARTMENT AND THE BEHAVIORAL**
7 **HEALTH ADMINISTRATION TO IMPLEMENT AND TRACK THE PROGRESS OF**
8 **CREATING AN EFFECTIVE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND COMMUNITY HEALTH SYSTEM**
9 **OF CARE IN THE STATE; AND**

10 **(5) SEEK AND DISBURSE ANY FEDERAL FUNDING AVAILABLE TO THE**
11 **CENTER TO CARRY OUT THE MISSION OF THE CENTER, INCLUDING THROUGH THE**
12 **PROVISION OF GRANTS, SCHOLARSHIPS, AND OTHER FUNDING TO RECIPIENTS**
13 **ENGAGED IN TRAINING, THE PROVISION OF SERVICES, OR THE STUDY OF MATTERS**
14 **RELATING TO COMMUNITY HEALTH AND PUBLIC SAFETY.**

15 **(C) THE CENTER MAY ENTER INTO CONTRACTS WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF**
16 **MARYLAND SYSTEM OR OTHER ENTITIES OR ORGANIZATIONS FOR THE PURPOSES**
17 **OF CARRYING OUT ITS MISSION.**

18 **13-4203.**

19 **(A) THE ACTIVITIES OF THE CENTER SHALL INCLUDE:**

20 **(1) STRATEGIC PLANNING;**

21 **(2) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE; AND**

22 **(3) STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT COORDINATION.**

23 **(B) THE CENTER SHALL PROVIDE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO LOCAL**
24 **GOVERNMENTS FOR THE PURPOSES OF:**

25 **(1) SHARING BEST PRACTICES ACROSS JURISDICTIONS;**

26 **(2) APPLYING FOR GRANTS TO SUPPORT WORK RELATED TO**
27 **BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND JUSTICE;**

28 **(3) FACILITATING THE DISTRIBUTION OF RESOURCES, TECHNICAL**
29 **ASSISTANCE, AND TRAINING IN BEST PRACTICES RELATED TO PROGRAMS ALONG**
30 **ALL INTERCEPTS OF THE COMMUNITY HEALTH AND PUBLIC SAFETY SYSTEM;**

1 **(4) FACILITATING PROVISION OF TRAIN-THE-TRAINER COURSES**
2 **FOR THE SEQUENTIAL INTERCEPT MODEL FOR COMPLETION IN 2021 IN**
3 **PARTNERSHIP WITH THE FEDERAL SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND MENTAL HEALTH**
4 **SERVICES ADMINISTRATION, WITH THE GOAL OF TRAINING 50 INDIVIDUALS ACROSS**
5 **THE STATE AS FACILITATORS; AND**

6 **(5) FACILITATING SUBSEQUENT LOCAL AND REGIONAL SEQUENTIAL**
7 **INTERCEPT MODEL SUMMITS.**

8 **(C) THE CENTER SHALL HOST ONE STATE SEQUENTIAL INTERCEPT MODEL**
9 **SUMMIT EVERY 2 YEARS FOR THE PURPOSE OF SHARING BEST PRACTICES ACROSS**
10 **JURISDICTIONS AND TRACKING THE PROGRESSION OF MARYLAND'S COMMUNITY**
11 **HEALTH AND PUBLIC SAFETY SYSTEM.**

12 **(D) THE CENTER SHALL SUPPORT COUNTY OR REGIONAL SEQUENTIAL**
13 **INTERCEPT MODEL MAPPING WORKSHOPS AND SUMMARIZE RESULTS IN REPORTS**
14 **THAT INFORM CROSS-AGENCY PLANNING AND PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT.**

15 **(E) THE CENTER SHALL IMPLEMENT SYSTEMS AND POLICIES THAT**
16 **ESTABLISH A REGIONAL APPROACH TO COMMUNITY HEALTH AND PUBLIC SAFETY,**
17 **INCLUDING BY:**

18 **(1) FACILITATING MULTIJURISDICTIONAL APPLICATIONS FOR**
19 **FEDERAL BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE GRANTS;**

20 **(2) COORDINATING AND CONNECTING SIMILAR PROGRAMS ACROSS**
21 **MULTIPLE JURISDICTIONS; AND**

22 **(3) ASSISTING LOCALITIES IN BROADENING AND FORMALIZING**
23 **COUNTY-LEVEL COLLABORATION IN COMMUNITY HEALTH AND PUBLIC SAFETY.**

24 **13-4204.**

25 **(A) ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 1 EACH YEAR, BEGINNING IN 2021, THE**
26 **CENTER SHALL PRODUCE AND UPDATE A MULTIYEAR STRATEGIC PLAN TO**
27 **IMPLEMENT THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE REPORT OF THE NOVEMBER 2020**
28 **STATE SUMMIT ON MENTAL HEALTH AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE.**

29 **(B) THE STRATEGIC PLAN SHALL INCLUDE:**

30 **(1) A STATEWIDE PRE-CRISIS-TO-RECOVERY SERVICE DELIVERY**
31 **MODEL AND INFRASTRUCTURE;**

1 **(2) A PLAN FOR FORMAL AND COORDINATED SCREENING PROCESSES**
2 **AT JAIL BOOKING;**

3 **(3) RECOMMENDATIONS FOR INVESTMENT IN PREVENTIVE SERVICES**
4 **SYSTEMS INCLUDING:**

5 **(I) ASSERTIVE COMMUNITY TREATMENT;**

6 **(II) EXPANDED HOUSING OPTIONS FOR JUSTICE-INVOLVED**
7 **PERSONS; AND**

8 **(III) AN INCREASE IN ACCESS TO TRANSPORTATION; AND**

9 **(4) AN EXPANSION OF THE USE OF TECHNOLOGY ACROSS ALL**
10 **INTERCEPTS OF THE COMMUNITY HEALTH AND PUBLIC SAFETY SYSTEM.**

11 **13-4205.**

12 **(A) EACH LOCAL JURISDICTION IN THE STATE SHALL DEVELOP A 2-YEAR**
13 **COMMUNITY HEALTH AND PUBLIC SAFETY PLAN IN COLLABORATION WITH:**

14 **(1) THE CENTER;**

15 **(2) THE LOCAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT;**

16 **(3) THE LOCAL DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES;**

17 **(4) BEHAVIORAL HEALTH COORDINATORS FOR THE LOCAL SCHOOL**
18 **SYSTEM; AND**

19 **(5) OTHER KEY STAKEHOLDERS.**

20 **(B) THE PLAN SHALL INCLUDE:**

21 **(1) A CRISIS RESPONSE SYSTEM;**

22 **(2) A COMMUNITY HEALTH SYSTEM; AND**

23 **(3) AN ANALYSIS OF AVAILABLE FEDERAL GRANT FUNDS AVAILABLE**
24 **TO THE COUNTY OR JURISDICTION.**

1 **(C) A LOCAL JURISDICTION MAY USE AN EXISTING LOCAL PLANNING AND**
2 **COORDINATING COMMITTEE OR LOCAL MANAGEMENT BOARD TO SATISFY THE**
3 **REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SECTION.**

4 **13-4206.**

5 **TO THE EXTENT PRACTICABLE, THE CENTER SHALL PRIORITIZE THE**
6 **DISBURSEMENT OF ANY FEDERAL FUNDS RECEIVED BY THE CENTER FOR:**

7 **(1) BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CRISIS GRANTS;**

8 **(2) TRAINING FOR 9-1-1 OPERATORS;**

9 **(3) PEER SUPPORT SERVICES;**

10 **(4) BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SCREENINGS; AND**

11 **(5) SCHOLARSHIPS FOR STUDENTS WHO ATTEND A MARYLAND**
12 **HBCU TO STUDY CRIMINAL JUSTICE-RELATED ISSUES.**

13 **SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June**
14 **1, 2021.**