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House Bill 1176 (Delegate Valentino-Smith, *et al.*)
Health and Government Operations

Health Care Case Management for At-Risk Juveniles - Work Group

This bill requires the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene to convene a Workgroup on Health Care Case Management for At-risk Juveniles in the State.

The bill takes effect June 1, 2012, and terminates May 31, 2013.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: The Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DHMH) and other participating agencies have advised that they can use existing resources to participate in the workgroup. DHMH can also use existing resources to staff the workgroup. Revenues are not affected.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Bill Summary: The workgroup is required to include representatives from DHMH; the Maryland State Department of Education; the Department of Juvenile Services; the Department of Human Resources; the Governor's Office for Children, Children's Cabinet; the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services; local youth service programs; juvenile residential treatment centers; providers of juvenile mental health care services; and providers of juvenile substance abuse services. The Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene must designate a chair of the workgroup and provide staff for the workgroup.

A member of the workgroup is prohibited from receiving compensation as a member of the workgroup but is entitled to reimbursement for expenses.

The workgroup is tasked to:

- develop an inventory of the current policies, contracts, and protocols in the State for case management of the health care needs of juveniles;
- analyze any barriers that inhibit communication between agencies that provide services to juveniles in the State;
- provide a description of the entry points at which a juvenile is assessed by federal, State, or local agencies for eligibility for the Maryland Medical Assistance Program or for eligibility for other federal, State, or local aid;
- establish an inventory of the resources available for at-risk juveniles at the State and local levels;
- develop recommendations, projected costs, and outcome criteria for a health care management protocol; and
- create an assessment tool to designate at-risk juveniles who will be eligible for the health care case management protocol.

The Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene must report on the workgroup's findings to the Governor and the General Assembly by January 1, 2013.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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