

SENATE BILL 732

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EMERGENCY BILL

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By: **Senator Carter**

Introduced and read first time: January 31, 2024

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Department of Juvenile Services and Maryland Department of Health –**
3 **Inpatient Program for Children**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the Department of Juvenile Services and the Maryland
5 Department of Health to establish a certain inpatient program for children who have
6 been adjudicated delinquent; and generally relating to an inpatient program for
7 children who have been adjudicated delinquent.

8 BY adding to

9 Article – Human Services

10 Section 9–247

11 Annotated Code of Maryland

12 (2019 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

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

15 **Article – Human Services**

16 **9–247.**

17 **(A) THE DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE SERVICES AND THE MARYLAND**
18 **DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SHALL ESTABLISH AND JOINTLY MANAGE AN INPATIENT**
19 **PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN WHO HAVE BEEN ADJUDICATED DELINQUENT UNDER**
20 **TITLE 3, SUBTITLE 8A OF THE COURTS ARTICLE.**

21 **(B) THE PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAM IS TO PROVIDE REHABILITATION,**
22 **COMPREHENSIVE CARE, AND HOLISTIC THERAPIES THAT ADDRESS THE HEALTH,**
23 **MENTAL HEALTH, AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE ISSUES OF CHILDREN.**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **(C) (1) THE PROGRAM SHALL INCORPORATE A RANGE OF HOLISTIC**
2 **THERAPIES TAILORED TO THE INDIVIDUAL NEEDS OF EACH PARTICIPANT,**
3 **INCLUDING COUNSELING, PSYCHIATRIC SERVICES, MEDICAL CARE, AND**
4 **EVIDENCE-BASED TREATMENTS FOR SUBSTANCE ABUSE.**

5 **(2) A MULTIDISCIPLINARY TEAM THAT INCLUDES MENTAL HEALTH**
6 **PROFESSIONALS, MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS, SOCIAL WORKERS, AND SUBSTANCE**
7 **ABUSE COUNSELORS SHALL COLLABORATE TO DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT**
8 **PERSONALIZED TREATMENT PLANS FOR EACH PARTICIPANT.**

9 **(3) THE PROGRAM SHALL FOCUS ON REHABILITATION,**
10 **SKILL-BUILDING, AND EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES TO EMPOWER PARTICIPANTS**
11 **TO REINTEGRATE INTO SOCIETY SUCCESSFULLY.**

12 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the inpatient program
13 established under § 9-247 of the Human Services Article, as enacted by Section 1 of this
14 Act, shall be operational not later than December 1, 2024.

15 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Governor may provide
16 funds each year to the Department of Juvenile Services and the Maryland Department of
17 Health to implement the inpatient program established under § 9-247 of the Human
18 Services Article, as enacted by Section 1 of this Act.

19 SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act is an emergency
20 measure, is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health or safety, has
21 been passed by a ye and nay vote supported by three-fifths of all the members elected to
22 each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, and shall take effect from the date it is
23 enacted.