

HOUSE BILL 435

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By: **Delegate Rosenberg**

Introduced and read first time: February 9, 2015

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Department of Health and Mental Hygiene – Award of Grant – Study of Past**
3 **Practices at State Psychiatric Institutions**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring, on or before a certain date, the Department of Health and
5 Mental Hygiene to award a grant to a nonprofit organization to conduct a certain
6 study of the past practices regarding the treatment of patients at State psychiatric
7 institutions; requiring, on or before a certain date, the nonprofit organization
8 awarded the grant to submit the results of the study to the President of the Senate,
9 the Speaker of the House of Delegates, and certain committees of the General
10 Assembly; and generally relating to a grant for the study of past practices at State
11 psychiatric institutions.

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

14 (a) On or before January 1, 2016, the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene
15 shall award a grant to a nonprofit organization to:

16 (1) study the past practices regarding the treatment of patients at State
17 psychiatric institutions; and

18 (2) consider the past practices in the context of:

19 (i) national and international past practices regarding the
20 treatment of patients in psychiatric institutions; and

21 (ii) prevailing theories regarding the treatment of individuals with
22 mental illness at the time the practices were used.

23 (b) On or before December 1, 2016, the nonprofit organization shall submit the
24 results of the study conducted under subsection (a) of this section to the President of the

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



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1 Senate, the Speaker of the House of Delegates, the Senate Education, Health, and
2 Environmental Affairs Committee, and the House Health and Government Operations
3 Committee, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article.

4 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
5 October 1, 2015.