

SENATE BILL 521

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By: **Senators McCray, Ellis, Hayes, and Kelley**

Introduced and read first time: January 30, 2020

Assigned to: Finance

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Behavioral Health – Opioid Treatment Services Programs – Medical Director**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring each opioid treatment services program to be under the
4 direction of at least one on-site medical director; requiring a certain medical director
5 to be on-site at the opioid treatment services program for at least a certain number
6 of hours per week; prohibiting an opioid treatment services program from satisfying
7 certain requirements through telehealth; defining a certain term; and generally
8 relating to opioid treatment services programs.

9 BY renumbering

10 Article – Health – General
11 Section 7.5–404
12 to be Section 7.5–405
13 Annotated Code of Maryland
14 (2019 Replacement Volume)

15 BY adding to

16 Article – Health – General
17 Section 7.5–404
18 Annotated Code of Maryland
19 (2019 Replacement Volume)

20 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
21 That Section(s) 7.5–404 of Article – Health – General of the Annotated Code of Maryland
22 be renumbered to be Section(s) 7.5–405.

23 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland read
24 as follows:

25 **Article – Health – General**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **7.5-404.**

2 (A) IN THIS SECTION, "OPIOID TREATMENT SERVICES PROGRAM" HAS THE
3 MEANING STATED IN § 21-2A-01 OF THIS ARTICLE.

4 (B) (1) SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, EACH OPIOID
5 TREATMENT SERVICES PROGRAM SHALL BE UNDER THE DIRECTION OF AT LEAST
6 ONE ON-SITE MEDICAL DIRECTOR.

7 (2) THE MEDICAL DIRECTOR REQUIRED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF
8 THIS SUBSECTION SHALL BE ON-SITE AT THE OPIOID TREATMENT SERVICES
9 PROGRAM AT LEAST 20 HOURS EACH WEEK.

10 (C) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF LAW, AN OPIOID
11 TREATMENT SERVICES PROGRAM MAY NOT SATISFY THE REQUIREMENTS UNDER
12 SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION THROUGH TELEHEALTH.

13 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
14 October 1, 2020.