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By: **Senator Carter**

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Human Services – Trauma–Informed Care – Commission and Training**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing the Commission on Trauma–Informed Care; providing for
4 the composition, chair, and staffing of the Commission; providing that the
5 Commission is an independent commission functioning in the Department of Human
6 Services; providing for the purpose of the Commission; requiring the Commission to
7 determine certain procedures; providing for the terms of members of the
8 Commission; requiring the Governor to designate the chair of the Commission;
9 prohibiting a member of the Commission from receiving certain compensation, but
10 authorizing the reimbursement of certain expenses; providing that a majority of
11 members serving on the Commission is a quorum; requiring the Commission to
12 identify certain programs and services; requiring the Commission to assist in the
13 development of a certain statewide trauma–responsive strategy; requiring the
14 Commission to establish certain metrics, in collaboration with the Maryland
15 Department of Health, related to a certain initiative; requiring the Commission to
16 coordinate and develop, in consultation with the Maryland Department of Health,
17 certain training on trauma–informed care; requiring the Commission to disseminate
18 certain information among agencies; requiring the Commission to advise and assist
19 the Governor for a certain purpose; requiring the Commission to report its findings
20 and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before a
21 certain date each year; requiring members of the Commission to participate in a
22 certain training each year; requiring certain State agencies to designate certain staff
23 members to participate in a certain training each year; requiring certain staff
24 members of certain State agencies to perform certain duties in a certain manner each
25 year; requiring the Maryland Department of Health to provide certain technical

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 support to certain staff members of certain State agencies; requiring certain
2 directors of certain State agencies to submit to the Commission a certain report each
3 year; defining certain terms; and generally relating to trauma-informed care.

4 BY adding to

5 Article – Human Services

6 Section 8–1301 through 8–1310 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 13.
7 Trauma–Informed Care”

8 Annotated Code of Maryland

9 (2019 Replacement Volume and 2019 Supplement)

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

12 **Article – Human Services**

13 **SUBTITLE 13. TRAUMA–INFORMED CARE.**

14 **8–1301.**

15 (A) IN THIS SUBTITLE THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS
16 INDICATED.

17 (B) “AGENCY” INCLUDES:

18 (1) THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL;

19 (2) THE DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT;

20 (3) THE DEPARTMENT OF DISABILITIES;

21 (4) THE MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH;

22 (5) THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY
23 DEVELOPMENT;

24 (6) THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES;

25 (7) THE DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE SERVICES;

26 (8) THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES;

27 (9) THE DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING;

28 (10) THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS;

1 (11) THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE POLICE;

2 (12) THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION;

3 (13) THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION;

4 (14) THE DEPARTMENT OF AGING; AND

5 (15) THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE FOR CHILDREN; AND OF CRIME
6 PREVENTION, YOUTH, AND VICTIM SERVICES.

7 ~~(15) THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF CRIME CONTROL AND~~
8 ~~PREVENTION.~~

9 (B) "CHILDREN" MEANS INDIVIDUALS UNDER THE AGE OF 14 YEARS.

10 (C) "COMMISSION" MEANS THE COMMISSION ON TRAUMA-INFORMED
11 CARE.

12 (D) "OLDER ADULT" MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL AT LEAST 60 YEARS OLD.

13 (E) "TRAUMA-INFORMED CARE" HAS THE MEANING STATED IN § 10-701 OF
14 THE HEALTH - GENERAL ARTICLE.

15 ~~(E)~~ (F) "YOUTH" MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL AT LEAST 14 YEARS OLD AND
16 UNDER THE AGE OF 26 YEARS.

17 8-1302.

18 (A) THERE IS A COMMISSION ON TRAUMA-INFORMED CARE.

19 (B) THE COMMISSION IS AN INDEPENDENT COMMISSION THAT FUNCTIONS
20 IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES.

21 8-1303.

22 THE PURPOSE OF THE COMMISSION IS TO COORDINATE A STATEWIDE
23 INITIATIVE TO PRIORITIZE THE TRAUMA-RESPONSIVE AND TRAUMA-INFORMED
24 DELIVERY OF STATE SERVICES THAT IMPACT CHILDREN, YOUTH, ~~AND FAMILIES~~
25 FAMILIES, AND OLDER ADULTS.

26 8-1304.

27 (A) THE COMMISSION CONSISTS OF THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS:

1 (1) TWO MEMBERS OF THE SENATE OF MARYLAND, APPOINTED BY
2 THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE;

3 (2) TWO MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, APPOINTED BY
4 THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE;

5 (3) THE SECRETARY OF BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT, OR THE
6 SECRETARY'S DESIGNEE;

7 (4) THE SECRETARY OF DISABILITIES, OR THE SECRETARY'S
8 DESIGNEE;

9 (5) THE SECRETARY OF HEALTH, OR THE SECRETARY'S DESIGNEE;

10 (6) THE SECRETARY OF HUMAN SERVICES, OR THE SECRETARY'S
11 DESIGNEE;

12 (7) THE SECRETARY OF JUVENILE SERVICES, OR THE SECRETARY'S
13 DESIGNEE;

14 (8) THE SECRETARY OF STATE POLICE, OR THE SECRETARY'S
15 DESIGNEE;

16 (9) THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS, OR THE
17 SUPERINTENDENT'S DESIGNEE;

18 (10) THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE, OR THE EXECUTIVE
19 DIRECTOR'S DESIGNEE; AND

20 (11) ~~THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF~~
21 ~~CRIME CONTROL AND PREVENTION, OR THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S DESIGNEE;~~
22 ~~AND~~

23 ~~(12)~~ THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS, APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR:

24 (I) TWO LICENSED CLINICIANS WITH EXPERTISE IN TRAUMA;

25 (II) ONE LICENSED GERIATRIC MENTAL HEALTH CLINICIAN
26 WITH EXPERTISE IN TRAUMA;

27 (III) TWO MEMBERS OF THE RESEARCH COMMUNITY WITH
28 EXPERTISE IN TRAUMA;

1 ~~(III)~~ (IV) SIX REPRESENTATIVES FROM COMMUNITY
2 ORGANIZATIONS, NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS, OR YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS WITH AN
3 EXPERTISE IN TRAUMA; AND

4 ~~(IV)~~ (V) ONE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE OFFICE OF CHILD CARE
5 ADVISORY COUNCIL.

6 (B) (1) THE TERM OF AN APPOINTED MEMBER UNDER THIS SECTION IS 4
7 YEARS CONCURRENT WITH THE TERM OF THE GOVERNOR'S TERM OF OFFICE.

8 (2) A MEMBER WHO IS APPOINTED AFTER THE TERM HAS BEGUN
9 SERVES ONLY FOR THE REST OF THE TERM AND UNTIL A SUCCESSOR IS APPOINTED
10 AND QUALIFIES.

11 (3) AT THE END OF A TERM, A MEMBER CONTINUES TO SERVE UNTIL
12 A SUCCESSOR IS APPOINTED AND QUALIFIES.

13 8-1305.

14 THE GOVERNOR SHALL DESIGNATE THE CHAIR OF THE COMMISSION.

15 8-1306.

16 THE COMMISSION SHALL DETERMINE OPERATING PROCEDURES, INCLUDING
17 THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SUBCOMMITTEES OR WORKGROUPS THAT USE THE
18 EXPERTISE OF INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE NOT MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION.

19 8-1307.

20 THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE ~~FOR CHILDREN~~ SHALL PROVIDE STAFF FOR THE
21 COMMISSION.

22 8-1308.

23 (A) A MAJORITY OF MEMBERS SERVING ON THE COMMISSION IS A QUORUM.

24 (B) THE COMMISSION SHALL DETERMINE THE TIMES AND PLACES OF ITS
25 MEETINGS.

26 (C) A MEMBER OF THE COMMISSION:

27 (1) MAY NOT RECEIVE COMPENSATION AS A MEMBER OF THE
28 COMMISSION; BUT

1 **(2) IS ENTITLED TO REIMBURSEMENT FOR EXPENSES UNDER THE**
2 **STANDARD STATE TRAVEL REGULATIONS, AS PROVIDED IN THE STATE BUDGET.**

3 **8-1309.**

4 **(A) THE COMMISSION SHALL:**

5 **(1) ASSIST IN THE IDENTIFICATION OF ANY STATE PROGRAM OR**
6 **SERVICE THAT IMPACTS CHILDREN ~~AND YOUTH~~, YOUTH, FAMILIES, AND OLDER**
7 **ADULTS;**

8 **(2) ASSIST IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF A STATEWIDE STRATEGY**
9 **TOWARD AN ORGANIZATIONAL CULTURE SHIFT INTO A TRAUMA-RESPONSIVE STATE**
10 **GOVERNMENT;**

11 **(3) ESTABLISH METRICS, IN COLLABORATION WITH THE MARYLAND**
12 **DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, TO EVALUATE AND ASSESS THE PROGRESS OF THE**
13 **STATEWIDE TRAUMA-INFORMED CARE INITIATIVE;**

14 **(4) COORDINATE AND DEVELOP WITH THE MARYLAND DEPARTMENT**
15 **OF HEALTH ANY FORMAL OR INFORMAL TRAUMA-INFORMED CARE TRAINING;**

16 **(5) DISSEMINATE INFORMATION AMONG AGENCIES REGARDING BEST**
17 **PRACTICES FOR PREVENTING AND MITIGATING THE IMPACT OF TRAUMA ON**
18 **CHILDREN, YOUTH, ~~AND FAMILIES~~ FAMILIES, AND OLDER ADULTS;**

19 **(6) ADVISE AND ASSIST THE GOVERNOR IN PROVIDING OVERSIGHT**
20 **AND ACCOUNTABILITY IN IMPLEMENTING THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SUBTITLE;**

21 **(7) SUBMIT A REPORT USING THE COMMISSION'S ESTABLISHED**
22 **EVALUATION AND ASSESSMENT METRICS, AS DESCRIBED IN PARAGRAPH (3) OF THIS**
23 **SUBSECTION, THAT INCLUDES AN ASSESSMENT OF:**

24 **(I) THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TRAUMA-INFORMED CARE**
25 **POLICIES WITHIN EACH AGENCY; AND**

26 **(II) THE TRAUMA-RESPONSIVENESS OF EACH AGENCY; AND**

27 **(8) MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING IMPROVEMENTS TO**
28 **EXISTING LAWS RELATING TO CHILDREN, YOUTH, ~~AND FAMILIES~~ FAMILIES, AND**
29 **OLDER ADULTS IN THE STATE.**

1 **(B) ON OR BEFORE JUNE 30 EACH YEAR, THE COMMISSION SHALL REPORT**
2 **ITS FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE GOVERNOR AND, IN ACCORDANCE**
3 **WITH § 2-1257 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.**

4 **8-1310.**

5 **(A) IN THIS SECTION, “FORMAL TRAINING” MEANS A DIDACTIC COURSE OR**
6 **CURRICULUM IN TRAUMA-INFORMED CARE THAT IS:**

7 **(1) DEVELOPED BY THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN**
8 **SERVICES OR THE MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH; AND**

9 **(2) PROVIDED BY THE MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH OR ITS**
10 **DESIGNEE IN COLLABORATION WITH THE COMMISSION.**

11 **(B) EACH COMMISSION MEMBER SHALL PARTICIPATE IN AT LEAST ONE**
12 **FORMAL TRAINING EACH YEAR.**

13 **(C) (1) EACH AGENCY HEAD SHALL DESIGNATE TWO STAFF MEMBERS TO:**

14 **(I) PARTICIPATE IN AT LEAST ONE FORMAL TRAINING EACH**
15 **YEAR;**

16 **(II) COLLABORATE WITH OTHER AGENCY DESIGNEES IN WORK**
17 **SESSIONS AND OTHER INFORMAL TRAININGS AS ORGANIZED BY THE MARYLAND**
18 **DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH;**

19 **(III) SERVE AS THE PRINCIPAL ADVISORS TO THE AGENCY**
20 **DIRECTOR AND AGENCY STAFF IN TRAUMA-RESPONSIVENESS AND**
21 **TRAUMA-INFORMED CARE;**

22 **(IV) ASSESS THE AGENCY FOR TRAINING AND TECHNICAL**
23 **ASSISTANCE NEEDS RELATED TO TRAUMA-RESPONSIVENESS AND**
24 **TRAUMA-INFORMED CARE; AND**

25 **(V) REVIEW AND MAKE APPROPRIATE RECOMMENDATIONS TO**
26 **THE AGENCY DIRECTOR TO ALIGN AGENCY POLICIES AND PRACTICES WITH A**
27 **TRAUMA-INFORMED APPROACH.**

28 **(2) IN THE EVENT OF A VACANCY IN THE POSITION OF ONE OR BOTH**
29 **OF THE STAFF MEMBERS DESIGNATED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION,**
30 **THE AGENCY DIRECTOR SHALL, WITHIN 30 DAYS OF THE VACANCY, DESIGNATE**
31 **ANOTHER STAFF MEMBER TO CARRY OUT THE DUTIES OF THE STAFF MEMBER**
32 **DESCRIBED IN PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION.**

1 **(D) THE MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SHALL PROVIDE**
 2 **TECHNICAL ADVISORY SUPPORT TO DESIGNATED AGENCY STAFF TO ASSIST THE**
 3 **STAFF IN PERFORMING THE DUTIES DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (C)(1) OF THIS**
 4 **SECTION.**

5 **(E) ON OR BEFORE MARCH 31 EACH YEAR, EACH AGENCY DIRECTOR SHALL**
 6 **SUBMIT TO THE COMMISSION A PROGRESS REPORT DETAILING THE AGENCY'S**
 7 **PROGRESS AND COMPLIANCE WITH SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION.**

8 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
 9 1, 2020.

Approved:

Governor.

President of the Senate.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.