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By: **Senator Carter**

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A BILL ENTITLED

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

29 BY adding to

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 Article – Human Services

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

4 Annotated Code of Maryland

5 (2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

6 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,

7 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

8 **Article – Human Services**

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

10 **8–1301.**

11 (A) IN THIS SUBTITLE THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS
12 INDICATED.

13 (B) “AGENCY” INCLUDES:

14 (1) THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL;

15 (2) THE DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT;

16 (3) THE DEPARTMENT OF DISABILITIES;

17 (4) THE MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH;

18 (5) THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY
19 DEVELOPMENT;

20 (6) THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES;

21 (7) THE DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE SERVICES;

22 (8) THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES;

23 (9) THE DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING;

24 (10) THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS;

25 (11) THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE POLICE;

26 (12) THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION;

1 **(13) THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION;**

2 **(14) THE DEPARTMENT OF AGING; AND**

3 **(15) THE GOVERNOR’S OFFICE OF CRIME PREVENTION, YOUTH, AND**
4 **VICTIM SERVICES.**

5 **(C) “CHILDREN” MEANS INDIVIDUALS UNDER THE AGE OF 14 YEARS.**

6 **(D) “COMMISSION” MEANS THE COMMISSION ON TRAUMA–INFORMED**
7 **CARE.**

8 **(E) “OLDER ADULT” MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL AT LEAST 60 YEARS OLD.**

9 **(F) “TRAUMA–INFORMED CARE” HAS THE MEANING STATED IN § 10–701 OF**
10 **THE HEALTH – GENERAL ARTICLE.**

11 **(G) “YOUTH” MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL AT LEAST 14 YEARS OLD AND UNDER**
12 **THE AGE OF 26 YEARS.**

13 **8–1302.**

14 **(A) THERE IS A COMMISSION ON TRAUMA–INFORMED CARE.**

15 **(B) THE COMMISSION IS AN INDEPENDENT COMMISSION THAT FUNCTIONS**
16 **IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES.**

17 **8–1303.**

18 **THE PURPOSE OF THE COMMISSION IS TO COORDINATE A STATEWIDE**
19 **INITIATIVE TO PRIORITIZE THE TRAUMA–RESPONSIVE AND TRAUMA–INFORMED**
20 **DELIVERY OF STATE SERVICES THAT IMPACT CHILDREN, YOUTH, FAMILIES, AND**
21 **OLDER ADULTS.**

22 **8–1304.**

23 **(A) THE COMMISSION CONSISTS OF THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS:**

24 **(1) TWO MEMBERS OF THE SENATE OF MARYLAND, APPOINTED BY**
25 **THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE;**

26 **(2) TWO MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, APPOINTED BY**
27 **THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE;**

28 **(3) THE SECRETARY OF BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT, OR THE**

1 **SECRETARY'S DESIGNEE;**

2 **(4) THE SECRETARY OF DISABILITIES, OR THE SECRETARY'S**
3 **DESIGNEE;**

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

5 **(6) THE SECRETARY OF HUMAN SERVICES, OR THE SECRETARY'S**
6 **DESIGNEE;**

7 **(7) THE SECRETARY OF JUVENILE SERVICES, OR THE SECRETARY'S**
8 **DESIGNEE;**

9 **(8) THE SECRETARY OF STATE POLICE, OR THE SECRETARY'S**
10 **DESIGNEE;**

11 **(9) THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS, OR THE**
12 **SUPERINTENDENT'S DESIGNEE;**

13 **(10) THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE, OR THE EXECUTIVE**
14 **DIRECTOR'S DESIGNEE; AND**

15 **(11) THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS, APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR:**

16 **(I) TWO LICENSED CLINICIANS WITH EXPERTISE IN TRAUMA;**

17 **(II) ONE LICENSED GERIATRIC MENTAL HEALTH CLINICIAN**
18 **WITH EXPERTISE IN TRAUMA;**

19 **(III) TWO MEMBERS OF THE RESEARCH COMMUNITY WITH**
20 **EXPERTISE IN TRAUMA;**

21 **(IV) SIX REPRESENTATIVES FROM COMMUNITY**
22 **ORGANIZATIONS, NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS, OR YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS WITH AN**
23 **EXPERTISE IN TRAUMA; AND**

24 **(V) ONE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE OFFICE OF CHILD CARE**
25 **ADVISORY COUNCIL.**

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

28 **(2) A MEMBER WHO IS APPOINTED AFTER THE TERM HAS BEGUN**
29 **SERVES ONLY FOR THE REST OF THE TERM AND UNTIL A SUCCESSOR IS APPOINTED**

1 AND QUALIFIES.

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

4 8-1305.

5 THE GOVERNOR SHALL DESIGNATE THE CHAIR OF THE COMMISSION.

6 8-1306.

7 THE COMMISSION SHALL DETERMINE OPERATING PROCEDURES, INCLUDING
8 THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SUBCOMMITTEES OR WORKGROUPS THAT USE THE
9 EXPERTISE OF INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE NOT MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION.

10 8-1307.

11 THE OFFICE SHALL PROVIDE STAFF FOR THE COMMISSION.

12 8-1308.

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

14 (B) THE COMMISSION SHALL DETERMINE THE TIMES AND PLACES OF ITS
15 MEETINGS.

16 (C) A MEMBER OF THE COMMISSION:

17 (1) MAY NOT RECEIVE COMPENSATION AS A MEMBER OF THE
18 COMMISSION; BUT

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

21 8-1309.

22 (A) THE COMMISSION SHALL:

23 (1) ASSIST IN THE IDENTIFICATION OF ANY STATE PROGRAM OR
24 SERVICE THAT IMPACTS CHILDREN, YOUTH, FAMILIES, AND OLDER ADULTS;

25 (2) ASSIST IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF A STATEWIDE STRATEGY
26 TOWARD AN ORGANIZATIONAL CULTURE SHIFT INTO A TRAUMA-RESPONSIVE STATE
27 GOVERNMENT;

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

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

6 **(5) DISSEMINATE INFORMATION AMONG AGENCIES REGARDING BEST**
7 **PRACTICES FOR PREVENTING AND MITIGATING THE IMPACT OF TRAUMA ON**
8 **CHILDREN, YOUTH, FAMILIES, AND OLDER ADULTS;**

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

11 **(7) SUBMIT A REPORT USING THE COMMISSION'S ESTABLISHED**
12 **EVALUATION AND ASSESSMENT METRICS, AS DESCRIBED IN ITEM (3) OF THIS**
13 **SUBSECTION, THAT INCLUDES AN ASSESSMENT OF:**

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

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

17 **(8) MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING IMPROVEMENTS TO**
18 **EXISTING LAWS RELATING TO CHILDREN, YOUTH, FAMILIES, AND OLDER ADULTS IN**
19 **THE STATE.**

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

23 **8-1310.**

24 **(A) IN THIS SECTION, "FORMAL TRAINING" MEANS A DIDACTIC COURSE OR**
25 **CURRICULUM IN TRAUMA-INFORMED CARE THAT IS:**

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

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

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

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

2 **(I) PARTICIPATE IN AT LEAST ONE FORMAL TRAINING EACH**
3 **YEAR;**

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

7 **(III) SERVE AS THE PRINCIPAL ADVISORS TO THE AGENCY**
8 **DIRECTOR AND AGENCY STAFF IN TRAUMA-RESPONSIVENESS AND**
9 **TRAUMA-INFORMED CARE;**

10 **(IV) ASSESS THE AGENCY FOR TRAINING AND TECHNICAL**
11 **ASSISTANCE NEEDS RELATED TO TRAUMA-RESPONSIVENESS AND**
12 **TRAUMA-INFORMED CARE; AND**

13 **(V) REVIEW AND MAKE APPROPRIATE RECOMMENDATIONS TO**
14 **THE AGENCY DIRECTOR TO ALIGN AGENCY POLICIES AND PRACTICES WITH A**
15 **TRAUMA-INFORMED APPROACH.**

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

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

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

28 **SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July**
29 **1, 2021.**