

# HOUSE BILL 1496

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By: **Delegates Rosenberg and Hubbard**

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Mental Hygiene Administration – Psychiatric Bed Registry – Report**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Mental Hygiene Administration, in collaboration  
4 with the Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems, to  
5 provide a certain report on a certain psychiatric bed registry to certain  
6 committees of the General Assembly on or before a certain date; and generally  
7 relating to a report on a certain psychiatric bed registry.

8 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
9 MARYLAND, That:

10 (a) On or before December 1, 2013, the Mental Hygiene Administration, in  
11 collaboration with the Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems  
12 (MIEMSS), shall report to the Senate Finance Committee and the House Health and  
13 Government Operations Committee, in accordance with § 2–1246 of the State  
14 Government Article, on the progress of implementing and operating the psychiatric  
15 bed registry developed by the Administration and MIEMSS.

16 (b) The progress report required under subsection (a) of this section shall  
17 include:

18 (1) information on the number of acute general hospitals, private  
19 psychiatric hospitals, and State facilities that are participating in the registry;

20 (2) the effect of the registry on placement of patients in psychiatric  
21 beds;

22 (3) information, based on usage of the registry, on the adequacy of the  
23 State’s psychiatric bed capacity; and

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1                   (4) whether requiring participation in the registry would be a  
2 beneficial and feasible tool for the State and for hospitals in facilitating placement of  
3 individuals who need inpatient psychiatric care.

4                   SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
5 June 1, 2013.