

HOUSE BILL 893

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By: **Washington County Delegation**

Introduced and read first time: February 3, 2020

Assigned to: Judiciary

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Washington County – Adult Public Guardianship Review Board – Membership**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the membership of the Adult Public Guardianship Review
4 Board of Washington County to require one member to be a psychiatrist or
5 psychologist; and generally relating to the Adult Public Guardianship Review Board
6 of Washington County.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
8 Article – Family Law
9 Section 14–101(a) and (n)
10 Annotated Code of Maryland
11 (2019 Replacement Volume)

12 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
13 Article – Family Law
14 Section 14–402(a)
15 Annotated Code of Maryland
16 (2019 Replacement Volume)

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

19 **Article – Family Law**

20 14–101.

21 (a) In this title the following words have the meanings indicated.

22 (n) “Review board” means the adult public guardianship review board.

23 14–402.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



(a) (1) Each review board consists of 11 members appointed:

(i) by the county commissioners;

(ii) in Baltimore City, by the Mayor with the advice and consent of the City Council;

(iii) in any county that has a county executive, by the county executive with the advice and consent of the county council; or

(iv) if 2 or more counties have agreed to establish a multicounty review board, jointly by the appropriate officials of the counties served by the board.

(2) Of the 11 members:

(i) 1 shall be a professional representative of a local department;

(ii) 1. in counties other than St. Mary's County **OR WASHINGTON COUNTY:**

A. 1 shall be a physician's assistant, nurse practitioner, or physician who is not a psychiatrist; and

B. 1 shall be a psychiatrist; and

2. in St. Mary's County **AND WASHINGTON COUNTY:**

A. 1 shall be a physician's assistant, nurse practitioner, or physician who is not a psychiatrist; and

B. 1 shall be a psychiatrist or psychologist;

(iii) 1 shall be a representative of a local commission on aging;

(iv) 1 shall be a professional representative of a local nonprofit social service organization;

(v) 1 shall be a lawyer;

(vi) 2 shall be lay individuals;

(vii) 1 shall be a registered nurse;

(viii) 1 shall be a professional in the field of disabilities; and

(ix) 1 shall be a person with a physical disability.

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