

SENATE BILL 536

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By: **Senators Shank and Zirkin**

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Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Department of Juvenile Services – Graduated Responses – Report**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Department of Juvenile Services to report to certain
4 committees of the General Assembly on or before a certain date on the
5 implementation of a system of graduated responses for children under the
6 jurisdiction of the Department; defining a certain term; and generally relating
7 to the Department of Juvenile Services and graduated responses.

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

10 (a) In this section, “graduated responses” means an accountability–based
11 series of sanctions, including incentives, treatment, and services, applicable to
12 children within the juvenile justice system, administered to hold children accountable
13 for their actions and to protect communities from the effects of juvenile delinquency by
14 providing appropriate sanctions for every act for which a child is adjudicated
15 delinquent, by encouraging law–abiding behavior, and by preventing subsequent
16 involvement in the juvenile justice system.

17 (b) On or before December 1, 2014, the Department of Juvenile Services shall
18 report to the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee and the House Judiciary
19 Committee, in accordance with § 2–1246 of the State Government Article, on the
20 implementation of a system of graduated responses for children under the jurisdiction
21 of the Department.

22 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
23 October 1, 2013.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

