

SENATE BILL 752

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By: **Senator Robey**

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Assigned to: Finance

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Department of Budget and Management – Foster Youth Summer Internship**
3 **Pilot Program**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the Secretary of Budget and Management, with the
5 assistance of the Secretary of Human Resources and in consultation with
6 certain persons, to develop and implement the Foster Youth Summer Internship
7 Pilot Program; specifying the purposes of the Program; specifying that an
8 internship under the Program is unpaid and shall continue for a certain period;
9 requiring the Program to be established in at least three counties in the State,
10 including one in a certain area of the State; requiring the Secretary of Budget
11 and Management to coordinate with certain State agencies on establishing
12 certain internships; authorizing agencies participating in the Program to take
13 certain actions; establishing certain eligibility requirements for individuals
14 participating in an internship under the Program; requiring the Secretary of
15 Budget and Management, in consultation with the Secretary of Human
16 Resources, to issue certain reports to the Senate Finance Committee and the
17 House Appropriations Committee of the General Assembly by certain dates;
18 specifying the contents of the reports; providing for a delayed effective date;
19 providing for the termination of this Act; defining certain terms; and generally
20 relating to internship opportunities for certain foster youth.

21 BY adding to
22 Article – Human Services
23 Section 5–318.1
24 Annotated Code of Maryland
25 (2007 Volume and 2012 Supplement)

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

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 Article – Human Services

2 5-318.1.

3 (A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE
4 MEANINGS INDICATED.

5 (2) “FOSTER YOUTH” MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL WHO:

6 (I) IS IN OUT-OF-HOME CARE UNDER THE RESPONSIBILITY
7 OF THE STATE; OR

8 (II) 1. IS AN ADULT UNDER THE AGE OF 26 YEARS; AND

9 2. WAS IN OUT-OF-HOME CARE UNDER THE
10 RESPONSIBILITY OF THE STATE ON THE INDIVIDUAL’S 18TH BIRTHDAY.

11 (3) “PROGRAM” MEANS THE FOSTER YOUTH SUMMER
12 INTERNSHIP PILOT PROGRAM ESTABLISHED UNDER THIS SECTION.

13 (B) THE SECRETARY OF BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT SHALL:

14 (1) DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT A FOSTER YOUTH SUMMER
15 INTERNSHIP PILOT PROGRAM WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF THE SECRETARY AND
16 IN CONSULTATION WITH THE LOCAL SOCIAL SERVICES DIRECTORS; AND

17 (2) COORDINATE WITH STATE AGENCIES TO ESTABLISH
18 INTERNSHIPS IN STATE AGENCIES THAT ARE OPEN EXCLUSIVELY TO
19 PARTICIPANTS IN THE PROGRAM.

20 (C) THE PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAM IS TO PROVIDE FOSTER YOUTH
21 WITH TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE THROUGH INTERNSHIPS IN AGENCIES WITHIN
22 THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH OF STATE GOVERNMENT.

23 (D) THE PROGRAM SHALL BE ESTABLISHED IN AT LEAST THREE
24 COUNTIES, ONE OF WHICH SHALL BE LOCATED IN WESTERN MARYLAND,
25 SOUTHERN MARYLAND, OR THE EASTERN SHORE.

26 (E) INTERNSHIPS UNDER THE PROGRAM SHALL BE UNPAID AND SHALL
27 BEGIN IN JUNE EACH YEAR AND CONTINUE FOR A PERIOD OF AT LEAST 3
28 MONTHS.

29 (F) A STATE AGENCY PARTICIPATING IN THE PROGRAM MAY:

1 **(1) SPECIFY REQUIREMENTS FOR INTERNSHIP APPLICANTS; AND**

2 **(2) SELECT ITS INTERNS FROM AMONG THE AVAILABLE**
3 **APPLICANTS.**

4 **(G) TO BE ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE IN AN INTERNSHIP UNDER THE**
5 **PROGRAM, AN INDIVIDUAL MUST BE A FOSTER YOUTH AT LEAST 17 YEARS OLD.**

6 **(H) ON OR BEFORE OCTOBER 31 OF EACH YEAR, THE SECRETARY OF**
7 **BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE SECRETARY, SHALL**
8 **REPORT TO THE SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE AND THE HOUSE**
9 **APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, IN ACCORDANCE**
10 **WITH § 2-1246 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, ON:**

11 **(1) THE NUMBER OF FOSTER YOUTH PARTICIPATING IN THE**
12 **PROGRAM;**

13 **(2) THE LOCATION AND TYPE OF INTERNSHIPS IN THE PROGRAM;**

14 **(3) EFFORTS TO RECRUIT ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUALS TO**
15 **PARTICIPATE IN THE PROGRAM; AND**

16 **(4) FACTORS THAT AFFECT PROGRAM PARTICIPATION.**

17 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, on or before March 1,
18 2014, the Secretary of Budget and Management, in consultation with the Secretary of
19 Human Resources, shall report to the Senate Finance Committee and the House
20 Appropriations Committee, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government
21 Article, on plans for implementing the Foster Youth Summer Internship Pilot
22 Program established under this Act.

23 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
24 January 1, 2014. It shall remain effective for a period of 2 years and, at the end of
25 December 31, 2016, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act
26 shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.