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BY: Judiciary Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 814  
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 3, after the first “of” insert “altering certain provisions relating to the Commission on Juvenile Justice Reform and Emerging and Best Practices;”; in line 5, after “probation;” insert “altering certain provisions relating to the taking of a child into custody by a law enforcement officer; expanding certain provisions of law relating to the entry onto certain school or other property by, and the education of, certain sex offender registrants to include juvenile sex offender registrants; establishing the Governor’s Office for Children, the Children’s Cabinet, and the Governor’s Office of Crime Prevention and Policy; altering certain provisions relating to the State Comprehensive Juvenile Services 3–Year Plan;”; strike beginning with “altering” in line 7 down through “Practices;” in line 9; and after line 11, insert:

“BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – State Government

Section 6–401(a) and (i) and 9–3501

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2021 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – State Government

Section 6–406 and 9–3502

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2021 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement);

in line 14, after “3–8A–10(c)” insert “and (g)”; in the same line, after “3–8A–15(b)(3)” insert “, (e).”; in line 25, strike “2–108” and substitute “11–722”; and after line 27, insert:

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“BY adding to  
Article - Human Services  
Section 8-103 and 8-104  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)”.

On page 2, in line 3, after “9–101” insert “and 9–204(f)”; after line 10, insert:

“BY adding to  
Article - Public Safety  
Section 3-531  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2022 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)”;

and strike in their entirety lines 11 through 20, inclusive.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, after line 25, insert:

**“Article – State Government**

6–401.

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

(i) “Unit” means the Juvenile Justice Monitoring Unit of the Office of the Attorney General.

6–406.

(a) The Unit shall report in a timely manner to the Deputy Director, the Secretary, **THE COMMISSION ON JUVENILE JUSTICE REFORM AND EMERGING AND BEST PRACTICES**, and, in accordance with § 2–1257 of this article, the Speaker of the House of Delegates and the President of the Senate:

(1) knowledge of any problem regarding the care, supervision, and treatment of children in facilities;

(2) findings, actions, and recommendations, related to the investigations of disciplinary actions, grievances, incident reports, and alleged cases of child abuse and neglect; and

(3) all other findings and actions related to the monitoring required under this subtitle.

(b) (1) The Unit shall report [quarterly] EVERY 6 MONTHS to the Executive Director and the Secretary.

(2) A copy of the report shall be provided to the [State Advisory Board for Juvenile Services] COMMISSION ON JUVENILE JUSTICE REFORM AND EMERGING AND BEST PRACTICES and, in accordance with § 2-1257 of this article, the General Assembly.

(3) The report shall include:

(i) all activities of the Unit;

(ii) actions taken by the Department resulting from the findings and recommendations of the Unit, including the Department's response; [and]

(iii) a summary of any violations of the standards and regulations of the Department that remained unabated for 30 days or more during the reporting period; AND

(IV) 1. A SUMMARY OF SERVICES THAT ARE PROVIDED TO CHILDREN UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF THE DEPARTMENT;

2. A LIST OF ANY NECESSARY SERVICES THAT ARE NOT BEING PROVIDED TO CHILDREN UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF THE DEPARTMENT; AND

3. A LIST OF ANY NECESSARY PROTECTIONS AND SERVICES SPECIFICALLY FOR CHILDREN WHO ARE AT LEAST 10 YEARS OLD BUT UNDER THE AGE OF 13 YEARS.

(Over)

(c) Beginning in 2006, on or before November 30 of each year, the Unit shall report to the Executive Director, the Secretary, [the advisory boards established under § 9–230 of the Human Services Article] **THE COMMISSION ON JUVENILE JUSTICE REFORM AND EMERGING AND BEST PRACTICES**, the Governor, and, in accordance with § 2–1257 of this article, the General Assembly, on all the activities of the Office and the actions taken by the Department in response to findings and recommendations of the Unit.

9–3501.

In this subtitle, “Commission” means the Commission on Juvenile Justice Reform and Emerging and Best Practices.

9–3502.

(a) There is a Commission on Juvenile Justice Reform and Emerging and Best Practices.

(b) (1) The Commission consists of the following members:

[(1) (I) two members of the Senate of Maryland, appointed by the President of the Senate;

[(2) (II) two members of the House of Delegates, appointed by the Speaker of the House;

[(3) (III) the Secretary of Juvenile Services;

[(4) (IV) the Secretary of Human Services; and

[(5) (V) the following members, appointed by the Governor:

[(i) 1. one representative of an institute for public policy that specializes in juvenile justice issues in the State;

[(ii)] 2. one representative of an institute operated by the University of Maryland specializing in providing evidence-based and culturally competent services for juveniles; [and]

[(iii)] 3. [three representatives] ONE REPRESENTATIVE with relevant education and experience;

4. ONE LOCAL SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT;

5. ONE SCHOOL PRINCIPAL;

6. ONE REPRESENTATIVE OF AN ORGANIZATION THAT PROVIDES SERVICES TO CHILDREN INVOLVED IN THE JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM;

7. ONE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH;

8. ONE REPRESENTATIVE OF A PRIVATE CHILD WELFARE AGENCY;

9. ONE REPRESENTATIVE OF A YOUTH SERVICES BUREAU;

10. ONE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE STATE JUDICIARY;

11. ONE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE MARYLAND STATE'S ATTORNEYS' ASSOCIATION;

12. ONE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE MARYLAND OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC DEFENDER;

13. ONE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE MARYLAND CHIEFS OF POLICE ASSOCIATION;

(Over)

14. ONE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE MARYLAND SHERIFFS' ASSOCIATION; AND

15. SEVEN MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL PUBLIC.

(2) OF THE SEVEN MEMBERS FROM THE GENERAL PUBLIC:

(I) ONE SHALL BE CHOSEN ON THE BASIS OF THE MEMBER'S INTEREST IN AND EXPERIENCE WITH MINORS AND JUVENILE PROBLEMS;

(II) TWO SHALL:

1. AT THE TIME OF APPOINTMENT TO A FIRST TERM, BE AT LEAST 16 YEARS OLD AND UNDER THE AGE OF 30 YEARS; AND

2. INCLUDE AT LEAST ONE INDIVIDUAL WHO HAS BEEN UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE SERVICES;

(III) ONE SHALL BE AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IS A PARENT OR GUARDIAN OF A YOUTH WHO HAS BEEN UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE SERVICES;

(IV) ONE SHALL BE A VICTIM ADVOCATE; AND

(V) TWO SHALL BE EMPLOYEES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE SERVICES WITH DIFFERENT JOB TITLES, RECOMMENDED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE AMERICAN FEDERATION OF STATE, COUNTY, AND MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES, COUNCIL 3.

(C) (1) THE TERM OF AN APPOINTED MEMBER IS 3 YEARS.

(2) THE TERMS OF THE APPOINTED MEMBERS ARE STAGGERED AS REQUIRED BY THE TERMS PROVIDED FOR MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION ON JULY 1, 2024.

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

(4) A MEMBER WHO IS APPOINTED AFTER A TERM HAS BEGUN SERVES ONLY FOR THE REST OF THE TERM AND UNTIL A SUCCESSOR IS APPOINTED AND QUALIFIES.

(5) AN APPOINTED MEMBER WHO SERVES TWO CONSECUTIVE FULL 3-YEAR TERMS MAY NOT BE REAPPOINTED FOR 3 YEARS AFTER COMPLETION OF THOSE TERMS.

[(c)] (D) (1) [The Governor shall designate the chair of the Commission.] FROM AMONG THE MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION, THE GOVERNOR, THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE, AND THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE SHALL APPOINT A CHAIR.

(2) (I) FROM AMONG THE MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION, THE CHAIR SHALL APPOINT A SECRETARY.

(II) THE SECRETARY SHALL KEEP FULL AND ACCURATE MINUTES OF EACH COMMISSION MEETING.

[(d)] (E) The [Department of Juvenile Services and the Department of Human Services] GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF CRIME PREVENTION, YOUTH, AND VICTIM SERVICES shall provide staff for the Commission.

[(e)] (F) (1) THE COMMISSION SHALL MEET REGULARLY AT LEAST SIX TIMES A YEAR ON THE CALL OF ITS CHAIR.

(2) A member of the Commission:

[(1)] (I) may not receive compensation as a member of the Commission; but

[(2)] (II) is entitled to reimbursement for expenses under the Standard State Travel Regulations, as provided in the State budget.

(Over)

[(f)] (G)      The Commission shall:

**(1)      REVIEW AND REPORT ON:**

**(I)      ALL JUVENILE SERVICES, FACILITIES, AND PROGRAMS IN  
THE STATE;**

**(II)      THE EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS AND SERVICES OF THE  
DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE SERVICES;**

**(III)      PROGRAMS DESIGNED TO DIVERT CHILDREN FROM THE  
JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM;**

**(IV)      THE TREATMENT AND PROGRAMMING NEEDS OF  
FEMALES IN THE JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM;**

**(V)      1.      THE USE OF CHILD IN NEED OF SUPERVISION  
PETITIONS; AND**

**2.      THE NUMBER OF CHILD IN NEED OF SUPERVISION  
PETITIONS AUTHORIZED OR DENIED BY JURISDICTION; AND**

**(VI)      THE WAIT TIMES FOR PLACEMENT OF CHILDREN IN  
FACILITIES;**

**[(1)] (2)      research culturally competent, evidence-based, research-  
based, and promising PROGRAMS AND practices relating to:**

**(i)      child welfare;**

**(ii)      juvenile rehabilitation;**

**(iii)      mental health services for children; and**



(iv) prevention and intervention services for juveniles;

[(2)] (3) evaluate the cost-effectiveness of EXISTING AND PROMISING PROGRAMS AND practices researched by the Commission;

[(3)] (4) identify means of evaluating the effectiveness of PROGRAMS AND practices researched by the Commission; [and]

[(4)] (5) giving special attention to organizations located in or serving historically underserved communities, identify strategies to enable community-based organizations that provide services for juveniles to evaluate and validate services and programming provided by those organizations;

(6) REVIEW DATA RELATING TO ARRESTS, COMPLETION OF PROGRAMMING, AND RECIDIVISM FROM THE MARYLAND LONGITUDINAL DATA SYSTEM CENTER;

(7) IDENTIFY OPPORTUNITIES FOR GREATER COORDINATION BETWEEN THE DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE SERVICES, THE OFFICE OF THE STATE'S ATTORNEY, LAW ENFORCEMENT, AND LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS THAT PROVIDE SERVICES TO JUVENILES;

(8) RECOMMEND POLICIES AND PROGRAMS TO IMPROVE JUVENILE SERVICES IN THE STATE;

(9) PARTICIPATE IN INTERPRETING FOR THE PUBLIC THE OBJECTIVES OF THE JUVENILE SERVICES IN THE STATE;

(10) PARTICIPATE IN PLANNING THE DEVELOPMENT AND USE OF AVAILABLE RESOURCES TO MEET THE NEEDS OF JUVENILES;

(11) COORDINATE WITH THE MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF LABOR TO IDENTIFY POTENTIAL JOB AND APPRENTICESHIP OPPORTUNITIES FOR JUVENILES UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE SERVICES; AND

**(12) EXAMINE AND REVIEW FATALITIES INVOLVING CHILDREN UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE SERVICES FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING RECOMMENDATIONS ON POLICIES AND PROGRAMS TO PREVENT FATALITIES, INCLUDING:**

**(I) A DEATH CAUSED BY A CHILD UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE SERVICES, IF THE CHILD IS CONVICTED OR ADJUDICATED FOR THE DEATH; AND**

**(II) THE DEATH OF A CHILD UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE SERVICES.**

**[(g)] (H) On or before [December 31, 2023] OCTOBER 1, 2025, and on or before [December 31] OCTOBER 1 each year thereafter, the Commission shall report its findings to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2–1257 of this article, the General Assembly.**

**SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:”.**

On pages 16 through 22, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 20 on page 16 through line 8 on page 22, inclusive.

On page 23, in lines 21 and 27, strike “2.” and “3.”, respectively, and substitute “3.” and “6.”, respectively; after line 26, insert:

**“SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the terms of the appointed members of the Commission on Juvenile Justice Reform and Emerging Best Practices who are members of the Commission on the effective date of Section 1 of this Act or initially appointed after the effective date shall expire as follows:**

- (1) seven members in 2025;**
- (2) seven members in 2026; and**

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(3)    seven members in 2027.

SECTION 5. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section 2 of this Act shall take effect October 1, 2024.”;

in line 27, after “That” insert “, except as provided in Section 5 of this Act.”; and in line 28, strike “October” and substitute “July”.

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 3, in line 3, strike “**TITLE 4**” and substitute “§ 4-203 OR § 4-204”; in line 5, strike “**TITLE 5**” and substitute “§ 5-133, § 5-134, § 5-136, § 5-138, § 5-139, § 5-141, § 5-142, § 5-203, OR § 5-703”; and strike beginning with “**TITLE**” in line 7 down through “**6**” in line 8 and substitute “§ 10-606”.

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 6, in lines 2 and 13, in each instance, after “**5-142,**” insert “§ 5-203,”.

AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 7, strike in their entirety lines 17 through 20, inclusive.

On pages 12 through 13, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 24 on page 12 through line 2 on page 13, inclusive.

AMENDMENT NO. 6

On page 7, after line 20, insert:

“(g) (1) If based upon the complaint and the inquiry, the intake officer concludes that the court has no jurisdiction, or that neither an informal adjustment nor judicial action is appropriate, the intake officer may deny authorization to file a petition or a peace order request or both.

(Over)

(2) If the intake officer denies authorization to file a petition or a peace order request or both, the intake officer shall inform the following persons of the decision, the reasons for it, and their right of review provided in this section:

- (i) The victim;
- (ii) The arresting police officer; and
- (iii) The person or agency that filed the complaint or caused it to be filed.

(3) The intake officer shall inform the persons specified in paragraph (2) of this subsection BY ELECTRONIC MEANS of the decision to deny authorization to file a petition for the alleged commission of a delinquent act through use of the form prescribed by § 3–8A–11 of this subtitle.”.

AMENDMENT NO. 7

On page 8, in line 28, strike “COMPLETE” and substitute “:

**(1) COMPLETE”;**

and in line 30, after “SUBTITLE” insert “:

**(2) IF THE CHILD WAS REFERRED TO AN AT-RISK YOUTH PREVENTION AND DIVERSION PROGRAM, AS DEFINED IN § 8–601 OF THE HUMAN SERVICES ARTICLE, COMPLETE AND FORWARD A WRITTEN REPORT TO THE DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE SERVICES INDICATING THAT THE CHILD WAS DIVERTED TO:**

**(i) A LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVERSION PROGRAM, INCLUDING A DIVERSION PROGRAM OPERATED BY A LOCAL STATE'S ATTORNEY;**

(II) A DIVERSION PROGRAM OPERATED BY ANOTHER AGENCY OR ORGANIZATION;

(III) A LOCAL CARE TEAM; OR

(IV) ANOTHER COMMUNITY-BASED SERVICE PROVIDER; OR

(3) COMPLETE AND FORWARD A WRITTEN REPORT TO THE DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE SERVICES INDICATING THAT NO FURTHER ACTION WAS TAKEN”.

AMENDMENT NO. 8

On page 9, strike beginning with “involved” in line 34 down through the first “or” in line 35 and substitute “WOULD BE A VIOLATION OF § 4-203 OR § 4-204 OF THE CRIMINAL LAW ARTICLE OR A VIOLATION OF § 5-133, § 5-134, § 5-136, § 5-138, § 5-139, § 5-141, § 5-142, § 5-203, OR § 5-703 OF”.

On page 10, in line 2, after the bracket, insert “IN THE PRECEDING 2 YEARS”; and in line 6, strike “90 DAYS” and substitute “2 YEARS”.

AMENDMENT NO. 9

On page 10, after line 6, insert:

“(e) (1) Detention or community detention may not be continued beyond emergency detention or community detention unless, upon an order of court after a hearing, the court has found that one or more of the circumstances stated in subsection (b) of this section exist.

(2) A court order under this paragraph shall:

(i) Contain a written determination of whether or not the criteria contained in subsection (c)(1) and (2) of this section have been met; and

(ii) Specify which of the circumstances stated in subsection (b) of this section exist.

(3) (i) If the court has not specifically prohibited community detention, the Department of Juvenile Services may release the child from detention into community detention and place the child in:

1. Shelter care; or
2. The custody of the child's parent, guardian, custodian, or other person able to provide supervision and care for the child and to return the child to court when required.

(II) IF THE CHILD IS RELEASED FROM DETENTION, THE INTAKE OFFICER SHALL MAKE AN INQUIRY WITHIN 2 BUSINESS DAYS AS TO WHETHER THE COURT HAS JURISDICTION AND WHETHER JUDICIAL ACTION IS IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE PUBLIC OR THE CHILD.

[(ii)] (III) If a child who has been released by the Department of Juvenile Services or the court into community detention violates the conditions of community detention, and it is necessary to protect the child or others, an intake officer may authorize the detention of the child.

[(iii)] (IV) The Department of Juvenile Services shall promptly notify the court of:

1. The release of a child from detention under subparagraph (i) of this paragraph; or
2. The return to detention of a child under subparagraph [(ii)] (III) of this paragraph.

[(iv)] (V) 1. If a child is returned to detention under subparagraph [(ii)] (III) of this paragraph, the intake officer who authorized detention shall immediately file a petition to authorize continued detention.

2. A hearing on the petition to authorize continued detention shall be held no later than the next court day, unless extended for no more than 5 days by the court on good cause shown.

3. Reasonable notice, oral or written, stating the time, place, and purpose of the hearing, shall be given to the child and, if they can be located, the child's parents, guardian, or custodian.

AMENDMENT NO. 10

On page 10, in line 18, after "(a)" insert "**(1)**"; in the same line, strike the comma; in the same line, strike "'technical'" and substitute "**THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.**

**(2) "GOOD CAUSE" INCLUDES A CHILD HAVING TWO OR MORE UNEXCUSED ABSENCES FROM A PROGRAM THAT THE CHILD IS ORDERED TO ATTEND AS A CONDITION OF PROBATION.**

**(3) "TECHNICAL";**

in lines 20, 22, 24, and 25, strike "(1)", "(2)", "(3)", and "(4)", respectively, and substitute "**(I)**", "**(II)**", "**(III)**", and "**(IV)**", respectively; in line 24, strike the brackets; and strike beginning with the semicolon in line 25 down through "COURT" in line 27.

AMENDMENT NO. 11

On page 11, in lines 7 and 17, in each instance, strike the brackets; and in the same lines, in each instance, strike "4".

AMENDMENT NO. 12

On page 13, after line 2, insert:

"11-722.

(a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.

(2) "County board" has the meaning stated in § 1-101 of the Education Article.

**(3) “JUVENILE REGISTRANT” HAS THE MEANING STATED IN § 11-704.1 OF THIS SUBTITLE.**

**[(3)] (4) “State Board” has the meaning stated in § 1-101 of the Education Article.**

**(b) This section does not apply to a registrant OR A JUVENILE REGISTRANT who enters real property:**

**(1) where the registrant’s OR JUVENILE REGISTRANT’S child is a student or receives child care, if:**

**(i) within the past year the registrant OR JUVENILE REGISTRANT has been given the specific written permission of the Superintendent of Schools, the local school board, the principal of the school, or the owner or operator of the registered family child care home, licensed child care home, or licensed child care institution, as applicable; and**

**(ii) the registrant OR JUVENILE REGISTRANT promptly notifies an agent or employee of the school, home, or institution of the registrant’s OR JUVENILE REGISTRANT’S presence and purpose of visit; or**

**(2) for the purpose of voting at a school on an election day in the State if the registrant OR JUVENILE REGISTRANT is properly registered to vote and the registrant’s OR JUVENILE REGISTRANT’S polling place is at the school.**

**(c) Except as provided in subsection (e) of this section, a registrant OR JUVENILE REGISTRANT may not knowingly enter onto real property:**

**(1) that is used for public or nonpublic elementary or secondary education; or**

**(2) on which is located:**

**(i) a family child care home registered under Title 5, Subtitle 5 of the Family Law Article;**



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(ii) a child care home or a child care institution licensed under Title 5, Subtitle 5 of the Family Law Article; or

(iii) a home where informal child care, as defined in child care subsidy regulations adopted under Title 13A of the Code of Maryland Regulations, is being provided or will be provided to a child who does not reside there.

(d) A person who enters into a contract with a county board or a nonpublic school may not knowingly employ an individual to work at a school if the individual is a registrant OR JUVENILE REGISTRANT.

(e) (1) A registrant OR JUVENILE REGISTRANT who is a student may receive an education in accordance with State law in any of the following locations:

(i) a location other than a public or nonpublic elementary or secondary school, including by:

1. participating in the Home and Hospital Teaching Program for Students; or

2. participating in or attending a program approved by a county board under paragraph (2) of this subsection;

(ii) a Regional Institute for Children and Adolescents; or

(iii) a nonpublic educational program as provided by § 8–406 of the Education Article if:

1. the registrant OR JUVENILE REGISTRANT has notified an agent or employee of the nonpublic educational program that the registrant OR JUVENILE REGISTRANT is required to register under this subtitle; and

2. the registrant OR JUVENILE REGISTRANT has been given specific written permission by an agent or employee of the nonpublic educational program to attend the nonpublic educational program.

(Over)

(2) Each county board shall develop and adopt a policy that enables a registrant OR JUVENILE REGISTRANT who is a student to receive an education as described under paragraph (1) of this subsection.

(3) The State Board shall develop and adopt guidelines and a model policy to assist a county board with the development of a policy under paragraph (2) of this subsection.

(f) A person who violates subsection (c) or (d) of this section is guilty of a misdemeanor and on conviction is subject to imprisonment not exceeding 5 years or a fine not exceeding \$5,000 or both.”.

AMENDMENT NO. 13

On page 13, after line 3, insert:

“8-103.

(A) (1) THERE IS A GOVERNOR’S OFFICE FOR CHILDREN.

(2) THE OFFICE IS A SEPARATE UNIT WITHIN THE EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT.

(B) THE PURPOSE OF THE OFFICE IS TO PROVIDE A COORDINATED, COMPREHENSIVE, INTERAGENCY APPROACH TO PROMOTING THE WELL-BEING OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES THROUGH A NETWORK OF SUPPORTS, PROGRAMS, AND SERVICES THAT ARE FAMILY- AND CHILD-ORIENTED AND REDUCING THE NUMBER OF CHILDREN LIVING IN POVERTY.

(C) THE GOVERNOR MAY PROVIDE FOR THE STRUCTURE, DUTIES, AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE OFFICE BY EXECUTIVE ORDER.

8-104.

(A) THERE IS A CHILDREN’S CABINET ADMINISTERED BY THE GOVERNOR’S OFFICE OF CHILDREN.

(B) THE PURPOSE OF THE CHILDREN’S CABINET IS TO PROMOTE THE VISION OF THE STATE FOR A STABLE, SAFE, AND HEALTHY ENVIRONMENT FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES.

(C) THE HEAD OF THE GOVERNOR’S OFFICE OF CHILDREN SHALL SERVE AS THE CHAIR AND BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ADMINISTRATION AND OPERATION OF THE CHILDREN’S CABINET.

(D) THE GOVERNOR MAY PROVIDE FOR THE STRUCTURE, DUTIES, AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE CHILDREN’S CABINET BY EXECUTIVE ORDER.”.

On page 16, after line 19, insert:

“Article – Public Safety

3-531.

(A) THERE IS A GOVERNOR’S OFFICE OF CRIME PREVENTION AND POLICY.

(B) THE OFFICE IS A SEPARATE UNIT WITHIN THE EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT.

(C) THE GOVERNOR MAY PROVIDE FOR THE STRUCTURE, DUTIES, AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE OFFICE BY EXECUTIVE ORDER.”.

(Over)

AMENDMENT NO. 14

On page 13, after line 9, insert:

“9–204.

(f) (1) The Secretary shall develop a State Comprehensive Juvenile Services 3–Year Plan.

(2) The Plan shall:

(i) include an inventory of all in–day treatment programs and residential care programs and an accounting of the residence of all clients;

(ii) include an inventory of nonresidential treatment programs;

(iii) specify the needs of the various areas of services for clients, including alcohol and drug abuse rehabilitation services;

(iv) specify the needs of clients, including predelinquent diversion services programs;

(v) establish priorities for the different services needed;

(vi) set standards for the quality of residential services and outreach services;

(vii) include a program dedicated to reducing recidivism rates of clients;

(viii) include programs dedicated to diverting children from the juvenile justice system; [and]

**(IX) INCLUDE PROGRAMS DEVELOPED FOR YOUTH AT THE HIGHEST RISK OF BECOMING VICTIMS OR PERPETRATORS OF GUN VIOLENCE; AND**

~~[(ix)]~~ (X)    include any other matters that the Secretary considers appropriate.

(3)    The Plan shall be revised for each fiscal year and submitted, subject to § 2-1257 of the State Government Article, to the General Assembly by February 1 of each year.”.