

HOUSE BILL 522

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By: **Delegates Taveras, Lehman, Martinez, Pena–Melnik, Phillips, Ruff, and Woods**

Introduced and read first time: January 22, 2025

Assigned to: Judiciary

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Department of Juvenile Services – Rehabilitation Services – Funding**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing the Department of Juvenile Services to provide funding for
4 certain rehabilitation services to certain rehabilitation institutions; and generally
5 relating to the Department of Juvenile Services.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

7 Article – Human Services

8 Section 9–216

9 Annotated Code of Maryland

10 (2019 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

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

13 **Article – Human Services**

14 9–216.

15 (a) The Department is the central administrative department for:

16 (1) juvenile intake, detention authorization, community detention,
17 investigation, probation, protective supervision, predelinquent diversion services, and
18 aftercare services; and

19 (2) the State juvenile diagnostic, training, detention, and rehabilitation
20 institutions.

21 (b) The Department shall:

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (1) develop programs for predelinquent children whose behavior tends to
2 lead to contact with law enforcement agencies;

3 (2) promote predelinquent programs, including greater utilization of youth
4 services bureaus under § 9–234 of this subtitle, that provide services to divert children from
5 the juvenile justice system;

6 (3) collaborate with local governments to encourage the use of
7 predelinquent programs provided by youth services bureaus under § 9–234 of this subtitle
8 in response to identified community needs; and

9 (4) provide technical assistance to local governments and youth services
10 bureaus under § 9–234 of this subtitle to identify alternative funding sources for
11 predelinquent programs.

12 **(C) THE DEPARTMENT MAY PROVIDE FUNDING FOR UP TO 1 YEAR OF**
13 **REHABILITATION SERVICES TO REHABILITATION INSTITUTIONS UNDER**
14 **SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION.**

15 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
16 October 1, 2025.