

CHAPTER 460

(House Bill 1221)

AN ACT concerning

Delinquency Prevention and Diversion Services Task Force – Extension of Sunset

FOR the purpose of altering ~~a~~ the date by which the Delinquency Prevention and Diversion Services Task Force is required to make a certain report; ~~providing for an alternate date for the termination of~~ extending the termination date of the Task Force; making this Act a emergency measure; and generally relating to the Delinquency Prevention and Diversion Services Task Force.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Chapter 466 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2006
Section 1 and 2

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

Chapter 466 of the Acts of 2006

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

- (a) There is a Delinquency Prevention and Diversion Services Task Force.
- (b) The Task Force consists of the following members:
 - (1) two members of the House of Delegates, one to serve as chair, appointed by the Speaker of the House;
 - (2) the Secretary of Juvenile Services, or the Secretary's designee;
 - (3) the State Superintendent of Schools, or the State Superintendent's designee;
 - (4) the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene, or the Secretary's designee;

- (5) the Secretary of Human Resources, or the Secretary's designee;
- (6) the Director of the Office of Group Home Licensing and Monitoring, or the Director's designee;
- (7) the Director of the Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention, or the Director's designee;
- (8) the Public Defender, or the Public Defender's designee;
- (9) the following members, appointed by the Governor, from school districts or local education agencies with student populations greater than 70,000:
 - (i) two local education agency board members;
 - (ii) two school superintendents, or the superintendents' designees;
 - (iii) two representatives of local social services agencies;
 - (iv) two representatives of youth service bureaus;
 - (v) two representatives of correctional facilities for youths;
 - (vi) two representatives of licensed health or mental health service providers;
 - (vii) two principals of local middle or secondary schools, or the principals' designees;
 - (viii) three youth representatives who were formerly referred to intake as juveniles; and
 - (ix) three parents of youths referred to intake as juveniles; and
- (10) the following members, appointed by the Governor, from school districts or local education agencies with student populations of less than 70,000:
 - (i) one local education agency school board member;

designees;

- (ii) two school superintendents, or the superintendents' designees;
- (iii) one representative of a local social services agency; and
- (iv) one principal of a local middle or secondary school, or the principal's designee.

(c) The Department of Juvenile Services shall provide staff for the Task Force.

(d) A member of the Task Force:

- (1) may not receive compensation as a member of the Task Force; but
- (2) is entitled to reimbursement for expenses under the Standard State Travel Regulations, as provided in the State budget.

(e) The Task Force shall:

(1) study, survey, and assess the adequacy, quality, and quantity of delinquency prevention and diversion services currently being provided to the juvenile offenders of this State, as defined in paragraph (2) of this subsection, by public and private agencies, including mandated and wraparound services, such as:

- (i) behavior management and counseling;
- (ii) drug and alcohol treatment;
- (iii) monitoring;
- (iv) relocation;
- (v) community service options;
- (vi) family and parental counseling services;
- (vii) mental health services;
- (viii) job, career, and skills training;
- (ix) work opportunities;

- (x) tattoo removal;
 - (xi) mentoring;
 - (xii) social and health services;
 - (xiii) after-school programs;
 - (xiv) youth bureau services;
 - (xv) truancy prevention, stay-in-school, and dropout prevention policies and programs;
 - (xvi) GED, vocational, and alternative high school programs;
 - (xvii) school re-entry options; and
 - (xviii) community conferencing programs;
- (2) review delinquency prevention and diversion services that target the estimated 55,000 youths referred to intake described in the Department of Juvenile Services Gap Analysis Report submitted to the General Assembly on December 31, 2004, who:
- (i) are processed by the Department at intake; and
 - (ii) are not adjudicated delinquent or committed to a juvenile detention or correctional facility;
- (3) conduct hearings and gather information and suggestions from targeted juveniles, schools, the Department of Juvenile Services, local management boards, and other service providers throughout the State;
- (4) identify and document the current availability of delinquency prevention and diversion services in the State, including:
- (i) types of court-ordered and support programs;
 - (ii) where services are provided;
 - (iii) who provides services;

(iv) the demographic characteristics and number of youths who receive the services; and

(v) the total and individual costs of services;

(5) identify best practices and successful models for delinquency prevention and diversion programs in the State and in other states;

(6) assess and evaluate the adequacy of current juvenile services in terms of:

(i) effectiveness of outcomes;

(ii) sufficiency of quantity and quality of services;

(iii) availability and accessibility; and

(iv) cost-effectiveness and cost-avoidance measures;

(7) identify the impact and consequences of gaps in juvenile services;

(8) report findings and recommend delinquency prevention and diversion services improvements;

(9) develop criteria for requests for proposals to establish juvenile delinquency prevention and diversion programs; and

(10) develop criteria for the award of grants to establish juvenile delinquency prevention and diversion programs.

(f) On or before July 1, [2007] **2008**, the Task Force shall report its findings and recommendations to the Governor, the Governor's Office for Children, and the Advisory Council for Children and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly and the Joint Committee on Children, Youth, and Families.

(g) The Children's Cabinet shall consider the findings and recommendations of the Task Force in the development of the plans and programs of the Children's Cabinet.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2006. It shall remain effective for a period of [1 year] **2 YEARS** and 3 months

and, at the end of September 30, [2007] **2008**, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act is an emergency measure, is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health or safety, has been passed by a yea and nay vote supported by three-fifths of all the members elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, and shall take effect from the date it is enacted.

Approved by the Governor, May 8, 2007.