HOUSE BILL 254

By: Chair, Judiciary Committee (By Request – Departmental – Juvenile Services)
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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

Juvenile Justice Monitoring Unit – Confidentiality of Reports

FOR the purpose of providing that certain reports that are required to be submitted by
the Juvenile Justice Monitoring Unit shall remain confidential until the reports
are complete and produced in a certain manner; and generally relating to
reports to be submitted to the Juvenile Justice Monitoring Unit.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – State Government
Section 6–406
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2009 Replacement Volume and 2010 Supplement)

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

Article – State Government

6–406.

(a) The Unit shall report in a timely manner to the Executive Director, the
Secretary, and, in accordance with § 2–1246 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

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.
[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.
(3) all other findings and actions related to the monitoring required under this subtitle.

(b) (1) The Unit shall report quarterly to the Executive Director and the Secretary.

(2) A copy of the report shall be provided to the State Advisory Board for Juvenile Services and, in accordance with § 2–1246 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.

(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 Governor, and, in accordance with § 2–1246 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.

(D) EACH REPORT REQUIRED TO BE SUBMITTED BY THE UNIT UNDER THIS SECTION, AND ANY SUPPORTING MATERIAL ATTACHED TO OR PART OF THE REPORT, SHALL BE AND REMAIN CONFIDENTIAL UNTIL THE REPORT IS COMPLETE AND PRODUCED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS SECTION.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2011.