

SENATE BILL 856

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(9lr1281)

ENROLLED BILL

— Judicial Proceedings/Judiciary —

Introduced by ~~Senator Zirkin~~ Senators Zirkin, Smith, Carter, Cassilly, Ferguson, Hester, Hough, Lee, Ready, Waldstreicher, Washington, and West

Read and Examined by Proofreaders:

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Sealed with the Great Seal and presented to the Governor, for his approval this _____ day of _____ at _____ o'clock, _____ M.

President.

CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Juvenile Justice Reform Council**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing the Juvenile Justice Reform Council ~~in the Governor's~~
4 ~~Office of Crime Control and Prevention~~; providing for the composition, chair, and
5 staffing of the Council; prohibiting a member of the Council from receiving certain
6 compensation, but authorizing the reimbursement of certain expenses; establishing
7 the duties of the Council; requiring the Council to report its findings and
8 recommendations to the Governor and General Assembly on or before ~~a certain date~~
9 certain dates; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to the
10 Juvenile Justice Reform Council.

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

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.

Italics indicate opposite chamber/conference committee amendments.



1 (a) There is a Juvenile Justice Reform Council ~~in the Governor's Office of Crime~~
2 ~~Control and Prevention.~~

3 (b) The Council consists of the following members:

4 (1) three members of the Senate of Maryland, appointed by the President
5 of the Senate;

6 (2) three members of the House of Delegates, appointed by the Speaker of
7 the House;

8 (3) the Secretary of Public Safety and Correctional Services, or the
9 Secretary's designee;

10 (4) the Secretary of Juvenile Services, or the Secretary's designee;

11 (5) the Attorney General of Maryland, or the Attorney General's designee;

12 (6) the Public Defender of Maryland, or the Public Defender's designee;

13 (7) a representative of the Maryland Judiciary, appointed by the Chief
14 Judge of the Court of Appeals;

15 (8) the Secretary of Human Services, or the Secretary's designee;

16 (9) the Secretary of Health, or the Secretary's designee;

17 (10) the State Superintendent of Schools, or the State Superintendent's
18 designee; and

19 (11) the following members, appointed by the Governor:

20 (i) a national expert on youth justice issues;

21 (ii) a representative of a foundation with expertise in juvenile justice
22 systems;

23 (iii) a representative of local law enforcement agencies;

24 (iv) a representative of the Maryland State's Attorneys Association;

25 (v) a representative of a youth services bureau; ~~and~~

26 (vi) a representative from a crime victims organization; and

1 (vii) two individuals under the age of 30 years who were under the
 2 supervision of the Department of Juvenile Services but who are no longer under the
 3 supervision of the Department; and

4 ~~(vi)~~ ~~(vii)~~ (viii) any other member with expertise relevant to the
 5 work of the Council.

6 (c) The Governor shall appoint the chair of the Council.

7 (d) The Department of Legislative Services shall provide staff for the Council.

8 (e) A member of the Council:

9 (1) may not receive compensation as a member of the Council; but

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

12 (f) The Council shall:

13 (1) convene an advisory stakeholder group that includes organizations
 14 with experience in:

15 (i) juvenile justice policy reform;

16 (ii) advocating for groups with disproportionate contact with the
 17 criminal justice system and juvenile justice system;

18 (iii) advocating for victims of crime; and

19 (iv) restorative justice;

20 (2) working with the advisory stakeholder group, conduct roundtable
 21 discussion forums seeking public input in all geographic regions of the State;

22 (3) using a data-driven approach, develop a statewide framework of
 23 policies to invest in strategies to increase public safety and reduce recidivism of youth
 24 offenders; ~~and~~

25 (4) research best practices for the treatment of juveniles who are subject to
 26 the criminal and juvenile justice systems;

27 (5) identify and make recommendations to limit or otherwise mitigate risk
 28 factors that contribute to juvenile contact with the criminal and juvenile justice systems;
 29 and

1 (6) request technical assistance from the ~~Council of State Governments~~
 2 ~~Justice Center to develop the policy framework~~ Abell Foundation, the Annie E. Casey
 3 Foundation, the Council of State Governments, the Vera Institute of Justice, or another
 4 similar organization.

5 (g) (1) On or before December 1, 2019, the Council shall submit an interim
 6 report on its findings and recommendations to the Governor and, in accordance with §
 7 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly.

8 (2) On or before December 1, 2020, the Council shall ~~report~~ submit a final
 9 report on its findings and recommendations to the Governor and, in accordance with §
 10 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly.

11 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June
 12 1, 2019. It shall remain effective for a period of 2 years and 1 month and, at the end of June
 13 30, 2021, this Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly, shall be
 14 abrogated and of no further force and effect.

Approved:

Governor.

President of the Senate.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.