

EXECUTIVE ORDERS

(1) Within the Executive Office of the Governor, there is a Governor's Youth Drug and Alcohol Abuse Commission.

(2) The purpose of the Youth Commission is to actively involve Maryland youth in programs and activities that will help prevent and eliminate drug and alcohol abuse and misuse among youth.

C. The Youth Commission consists of 54 members appointed by the Governor. The membership shall include the following:

(1) Two high school students from each county, recommended by the Superintendent of Schools of the respective county.

(2) Six youth with knowledge or interest in the areas of drug and alcohol abuse, misuse, or prevention, including youth who may have experimented with drugs and alcohol.

D. Length of Terms.

(1) The members of the Commission shall serve for 2 years.

(2) A member appointed to fill a vacancy in an unexpired term serves only for the remainder of that term and until a successor is appointed.

E. The Governor shall appoint the initial Chair, and the Chair shall appoint a Vice Chair from among the members. Both shall serve for 1 year. Thereafter, the members of the Youth Commission shall elect a Chair and Vice Chair.

F. Responsibilities of the Youth Commission.

(1) The Youth Commission, under the direction and purview of the Commission, shall identify and develop initiatives that will deter youth from experimenting with and using drugs and alcohol.

(2) The Youth Commission shall identify and evaluate local drug and alcohol prevention initiatives for youth and recommend to the Commission those initiatives worthy of being instituted on a statewide basis.

(3) The Youth Commission shall encourage the local school systems to become involved in developing ways for youth to address drug and alcohol abuse problems. The Youth Commission shall analyze any ideas developed at the local levels and shall submit the most feasible alternatives to the Commission for their review and consideration.

(4) The Youth Commission shall evaluate local drug and alcohol prevention programs and shall report their findings in a statewide newsletter. The newsletter shall be published periodically during the academic school year and shall be distributed to each local school system.

(5) The Youth Commission shall work with appropriate community and school groups to promote the establishment of drug and alcohol prevention programs throughout the State.