

WHEREAS, the greatest opportunity for forging ahead to a positive environment for youth lies in the local community where he lives; and

WHEREAS, a Commission is necessary:

1. To assure continuing concern for and to make provisions for the Recreational, Educational and Health needs of the youth of St. Mary's County.
2. To bring about community awareness and understanding of the needs of children and of stimulating interest and participation in meeting such needs effectively.
3. To bring about orderly development, well-balanced, coordinated and readily available services, and to improve these social conditions which contribute to the maladjustment and delinquency of children.
4. To be a clearing house in the county for new and constructive ideas which are being used in other places in the State of Maryland and in the other States of the nation.
5. To cooperate with the Maryland Commission for the Prevention and Treatment of Juvenile Delinquency in finding ways to work on the problems of children and youth; now therefore

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That new Sections 225, 226 and 227 be and they are hereby added to Article 19 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland (1930 Edition), title "St. Mary's County", to follow immediately after Section 224 thereof as enacted by Laws of Maryland 1947, Chapter 685, to be under the new sub-title "Youth Commission", and to read as follows:

Youth Commission

225.

(a) *The County Commissioners of St. Mary's County are hereby authorized and directed* AUTHORIZED to establish the St. Mary's County Youth Commission.

(b) *The membership shall consist of 13 persons, one of whom the membership shall designate as chairman.*

(c) *Designated members of the Youth Commission shall be: the Superintendent of Schools for the county, the Director of the County Welfare Board, the County Health Officer, the Commanding Officer, Naval Air Station, Patuxent River, Maryland, the President of the County Ministerial Association, the Dean of the Catholic Clergy of the county, the ranking officer of the State Police Detachment, a member of the Board of County Commissioners. The remaining five members shall be selected by the designated members and shall be citizens of the county, not employees of the Commission, who play an active part in providing services for youth.*

(d) *The persons selected by the designated Commission members shall be appointed for a period of three years and shall not be subject to appointment for more than two terms without a lapse of one year at the end of the second term. The members of the Commission shall serve without pay, but may be compensated for any unusual expenses*