

## CHAPTER 480

(Senate Bill 652)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Sections 5 (a), 5 (c), 7, 12, 14, and 18 of Article 52A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1968 Replacement Volume) (1970 Supplement), title "Juvenile Services," subtitles "In General," "Training Schools and Other Facilities for Delinquent Children," "Employees," and "House of the Good Shepherd," to repeal Section 17A of the same Article and title, subtitle "Employees," and to delete from said Article the words "for Delinquent Children" of the subtitle, "Training Schools and Other Facilities for Delinquent Children"; to clarify the role and responsibilities of the Department; to provide that any child adjudicated to be delinquent, in need of supervision, or mentally handicapped may be committed to the custody of the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene; to clarify the responsibilities of agencies or institutions which have been given custody of children by a juvenile court judge; to permit the Department of Juvenile Services to purchase services from out-of-State agencies or organizations; ~~to clarify the role of the Department of Juvenile Services in promoting and taking other personnel actions with regard to its employees who perform court services;~~ to correct and bring up to date certain erroneous or outmoded language of Article 52A; and relating generally thereto.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Sections 5 (a), 5 (c), 7, 12, 14, and 18 of Article 52A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1968 Replacement Volume) (1970 Supplement), title "Juvenile Services," subtitles "In General," "Training Schools and Other Facilities for Delinquent Children," "Employees," and "House of the Good Shepherd," be and they are hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, that Section 17A of the same Article and title, subtitle "Employees," be and it is hereby repealed and that the words "for Delinquent Children" be and they are hereby deleted from the subtitle of said Article entitled "Training Schools and Other Facilities for Delinquent Children," all to read as follows:

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(a) The State Department of Juvenile Services is the central [coordinating] administrative agency for juvenile *intake, detention authorization, investigation, probation, protective supervision and after-care services and for State juvenile, diagnostic, training, detention, and rehabilitation institutions as hereinafter more specifically provided. The State Department of Juvenile Services shall also develop programs for the pre-delinquent child whose behavior tends to lead to contact with law enforcement agencies.* It shall carry out the policies of the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene with respect to these matters, and the Director shall report regularly to the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene.

(c) Any juvenile court judge may commit: (1) any delinquent child that has been so adjudicated by said judge to [any one of the several diagnostic, educational or rehabilitative institutions administered by the State Department of Juvenile Services], *the custody of the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene, or to any [other]*