

State Government; and

WHEREAS, One of the major recommendations of the Maryland Committee for Children and Youth is that a permanent commission for children and youth be established in State Government, as has been done in thirty-three other states; and

WHEREAS, There is need for an independent, on-going agency to act as an advocate for children and youth on behalf of the Maryland State Government, and to stimulate communication and cooperative planning among public and private agencies concerned with children and youth:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARVIN MANDEL, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, BY VIRTUE OF THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME BY ARTICLE 2, SECTION 24, OF THE CONSTITUTION OF MARYLAND, HEREBY PROMULGATE THE FOLLOWING ORDER EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY:

1. There is created the Governor's Commission on Children and Youth within the Department of Employment and Social Services.

2. The Commission shall be composed of thirty-two members, of which eleven shall be adult citizens known for their concern for children and youth, ten shall be youth (aged 14-22), and eight shall be representatives of state agencies involved in the following areas which concern children and/or youth: drug administration, education, employment, health, human relations, juvenile services, child development and social services. In addition there shall be a representative of the Judicial Branch of State Government and of a recreation agency. The Secretary of Employment and Social Services shall serve as an ex officio member of the Commission.

3. All adult members and seven of the youth members shall be appointed by the Governor, with the advice of the Secretary of Employment and Social Services. Three of the youth members shall be appointed from among the members of the Governor's Youth Advisory Council, by the Executive Board of the Council, and shall serve renewable terms of one year. No youth member shall serve on the Commission beyond June 30th of the year in which he or she reaches 23 years of age. Adult and youth citizens shall be eligible for reappointment to a second full term. Of the twenty eight members first appointed by the Governor, ten (including seven adults and three youths) shall be appointed for terms of one year ending June 30, 1972; nine (including seven adults and two youths) shall be appointed for terms of two years ending June 30, 1973; and nine (including seven adults and two youths) shall be appointed for three year terms ending June 30, 1974. Thereafter, all terms of those appointed by the Governor shall be three years. The appointed members of the Commission shall receive no compensation for their services on the Commission.

4. In making appointments to the Commission, the Governor, with the advice of the Secretary of Employment and Social Services, shall designate one adult citizen member to serve as chairman and one youth member to serve as vice-chairman.

5. The purpose and duties of the Commission shall be:

(a) To collect, compile, and disseminate to the public on a continuing basis information about the problems and needs of children and youth;