

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That section(s) of the Annotated Code of Maryland be repealed, amended, or enacted to read as follows:

ARTICLE 49D - OFFICE FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

1.

(A) THE OFFICE FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH IS CREATED AS PART OF THE EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT. THE OFFICE CONSISTS OF A DIRECTOR, THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH, AND THE CHILDREN'S COUNCILS.

(B) THE DIRECTOR FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH IS APPOINTED BY AND SERVES AT THE PLEASURE OF THE GOVERNOR AND IS DIRECTLY RESPONSIBLE TO HIM. THE DIRECTOR IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE OPERATION OF THE OFFICE AND SHALL ESTABLISH GUIDELINES AND PROCEDURES TO PROMOTE THE ORDERLY AND EFFICIENT ADMINISTRATION OF THE OFFICE. HE SHALL RECEIVE THE SALARY PROVIDED IN THE STATE BUDGET.

(C) THE OFFICE, ADVISORY COMMITTEE, AND CHILDREN'S COUNCILS SHALL HAVE THE ASSISTANTS, CONSULTANTS, AND EMPLOYEES PROVIDED IN THE STATE BUDGET.

2.

(A) THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE IS A PART OF THE OFFICE FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH AND EXERCISES THE POWERS AND DUTIES SPECIFIED IN THIS ARTICLE.

(B) THE GOVERNOR SHALL APPOINT AN ADVISORY COMMITTEE WHICH SHALL CONSIST OF:

(1) THE SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE, THE SECRETARY OF HUMAN RESOURCES, THE SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION OF THEIR DESIGNEES; AND

~~(4)~~ (2) ONE REPRESENTATIVE FROM EACH CHILDREN'S COUNCIL, A TOTAL OF 24; AND

~~(2)~~ (3) 12 MEMBERS APPOINTED.

(C) OF THE MEMBERS INITIALLY APPOINTED:

(1) 12 SHALL SERVE FOR A TERM OF ONE YEAR;

(2) 12 SHALL SERVE FOR A TERM OF TWO YEARS; AND

(3) 12 SHALL SERVE FOR A TERM OF THREE YEARS.

(D) AFTER THE EXPIRATION OF THE INITIAL TERM, MEMBERS ARE APPOINTED FOR A TERM OF THREE YEARS.

(E) IN THE EVENT OF THE RESIGNATION OF A MEMBER OR A VACANCY IN THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR ANY