

(14) REPORT ANNUALLY TO THE GOVERNOR AND THE PUBLIC ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE OFFICE.

[(c) His responsibilities include but are not limited to:

(1) Responsiveness to local children's councils and the Advisory Committee;

(2) Preparation of an annual report to the Governor and the public.]

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-f-(a) The children's councils are a part of the Maryland Office for Children and Youth and exercise the powers and duties specified in this article.

(b) There shall be a children's council in each county and Baltimore City.

(c) (1) Each children's council is appointed by the chief executive officer of that subdivision and includes representatives of the local departments of health, education, and social services and members appointed at large.

(d) (2) Of the members initially appointed:

(1) One-half shall serve for a term of two years; and

(2) The remainder shall serve for a term of three years.

(e) After the expiration of the initial term members are appointed for a term of three years.

(f) In the event of the resignation of a member or a vacancy in the membership of a children's council for any reason, the chief executive officer of the subdivision shall appoint a qualified person to fill the unexpired term of the member.

(g) The members of the children's council serve without compensation.-f-

~~(A)--EACH-COUNTY--MAY--ESTABLISH--A--CHILDREN'S--COUNCIL--TO PERFORM--FUNCTIONS--WITHIN--THE--COUNTY--COMPARABLE--TO--THE--FUNCTIONS OF--THE--OFFICE--FOR--CHILDREN--AND--YOUTH.~~

f(h)- (B) (h) It is the responsibility of [the] EACH children's [councils] COUNCIL to:

(1) Examine PUBLIC AND PRIVATE programs, [and] services, and plans for children under the age of 18 in -f-their jurisdictions}-THE-COUNTY for the purpose of identifying duplications, [or] inefficiencies, [effectiveness of programs,