

- (iii) availability and accessibility; and
- (iv) cost-effectiveness and cost-avoidance measures;
- (7) identify the impact and consequences of gaps in juvenile services;
- (8) report findings and recommend delinquency prevention and diversion services improvements;
- (9) develop criteria for requests for proposals to establish juvenile delinquency prevention and diversion programs; and
- (10) develop criteria for the award of grants to establish juvenile delinquency prevention and diversion programs.

(f) On or before July 1, 2007, the Task Force shall report its findings and recommendations to the Governor, the Governor's Office for Children, and the Advisory Council for Children and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly and the Joint Committee on Children, Youth, and Families.

(g) The Children's Cabinet shall consider the findings and recommendations of the Task Force in the development of the plans and programs of the Children's Cabinet.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2006. It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and 3 months and, at the end of September 30, 2007, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.

Approved May 16, 2006.

CHAPTER 467

(House Bill 700)

AN ACT concerning

Family Law - Court-Appointed Lawyer for Child ~~—Immunity from Civil Liability~~

FOR the purpose of authorizing the court to appoint a lawyer to represent a minor child ~~in an action in which the court has reason to be concerned about the welfare of the child; authorizing the court to specify the role and duties of a child's lawyer in accordance with certain standards; authorizing the court to impose against either or both parents fees for services rendered at the request of the child's lawyer; establishing that a child's lawyer is immune from civil liability for certain acts or omissions, except under certain circumstances; establishing that a child's lawyer is immune from civil liability to any party other than a represented child; making this Act an emergency measure in certain actions as a child advocate attorney or a best interest attorney; requiring a lawyer appointed under this Act to exercise ordinary care and diligence in the~~