

accountability to measure the efficiency and effectiveness of certain child welfare services; providing for the purpose of the outcome measurement system; requiring the Secretary of Human Resources to adopt regulations; requiring a variety of indicators to be used to measure the effectiveness of certain child welfare services; requiring certain measures to be utilized by certain entities; requiring the Department of Human Resources to have a quality assessment process for casework services; authorizing a certain entity to review and provide guidance on the quality assessment process of the Department of Human Resources; requiring certain case reviews and system performance reviews to make certain determinations; requiring the Secretary of Human Resources to enter into a memorandum of understanding with a certain entity to assist in the development and implementation of a local department self-assessment process at certain intervals and requiring a local department of social services to incorporate certain results; requiring the local department of social services to develop a child welfare plan after a certain requirement is met; requiring the Secretary of Human Resources to adopt certain regulations; requiring the Secretary of Human Resources to enter into a memorandum of understanding with a certain entity to collect and maintain certain information; requiring certain information to be reported at a certain time; authorizing certain units of State government to contribute information to a certain entity; requiring the Secretary of Human Resources and the Secretary of Budget and Management to ensure that certain caseload ratios are achieved using certain criteria; requiring the Department of Human Resources, in consultation with a certain entity, to develop a methodology to calculate caseload ratios; requiring the Department of Human Resources to enter into a written contract with a certain entity to annually review the calculation of caseload ratios used by the Department of Human Resources; requiring the Department of Human Resources to establish a Child Welfare Training Academy and train certain individuals; authorizing the Department of Human Resources to provide training to certain individuals; requiring the Secretary of Human Resources to submit a certain report on the outcome measurement system on or before a certain date; requiring the outcome measurement system indicators to be based on certain information; requiring the Child and Family Services Advisory Board in the Department of Human Resources to review, assess, and provide guidance on the outcome-based system of accountability; requiring the Department of Human Resources to pursue national accreditation for each local department of social services; requiring the Department of Human Resources to study the recruitment, selection, and retention of the child welfare workforce and submit a report to certain entities; requiring the Department of Budget and Management and the Department of Human Resources, on or before a certain date, to report on an assessment of certain accounting structures and workload measures; requiring the Secretary of Human Resources and the University of Maryland School of Social Work, on or before a certain date, to enter into a memorandum of understanding to implement a local department self-assessment process and to collect and maintain certain data; requiring the University of Maryland School of Social Work to report on the measurement of performance and the collection of certain data; requiring the Secretary of Human Resources to enter into a contract with the Child Welfare League of America for certain activities related to caseload