

(1) [develop] DEVELOP programs for the predelinquent child whose behavior tends to lead to contact with law enforcement agencies;

(2) PROMOTE PREDELINQUENT PROGRAMS, INCLUDING GREATER UTILIZATION OF YOUTH SERVICES BUREAUS UNDER § 2-122 OF THIS SUBTITLE, THAT PROVIDE SERVICES TO DIVERT CHILDREN FROM THE JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM;

(3) COLLABORATE WITH LOCAL GOVERNMENTS TO ~~ENHANCE AND EXPAND~~ ENCOURAGE THE USE OF PREDELINQUENT PROGRAMS PROVIDED BY YOUTH SERVICES BUREAUS UNDER § 2-122 OF THIS SUBTITLE IN RESPONSE TO IDENTIFIED COMMUNITY NEEDS; AND

(4) PROVIDE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AND YOUTH SERVICES BUREAUS UNDER § 2-122 OF THIS SUBTITLE TO ~~ENHANCE AND EXPAND~~ IDENTIFY ALTERNATIVE FUNDING SOURCES FOR PREDELINQUENT PROGRAMS.

SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section 3 of this Act shall take effect on the taking effect of the termination provision specified in Section 3 of Chapter 691 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2001. If that termination provision takes effect, Section 2 of this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect. This Act may not be interpreted to have any effect on that termination provision.

SECTION 5. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, subject to the provisions of Section 4 of this Act, this Act shall take effect October 1, 2005.

Enacted January 19, 2006.

CHAPTER 9

(Senate Bill 257)

AN ACT concerning

Maryland Commission for Women

FOR the purpose of altering the membership of the Maryland Commission for Women; providing for the appointment of members of the Commission; repealing provisions that require the membership of the Commission to include certain persons; requiring that certain members of the Commission shall be appointed from among applicants who have been nominated and recommended for appointment by certain organizations; requiring that certain members of the Commission shall be appointed from applicants applying on their own behalf; providing for the terms of the members of the Commission; repealing a provision requiring the Governor to designate from the members a chairman and vice chairman; providing that commissioners are not entitled to receive certain compensation; providing that a commissioner who fails to attend a certain number of meetings during a certain period is considered to have resigned; requiring the members of the Commission to elect a chair and vice chair; repealing a provision stating that the chair of the Commission is the chief