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CHAPTER 11

(House Bill 979)

AN ACT concerning

~~Juvenile Services — Detention and Committed Facilities — Maintenance and Operation~~

Department of Juvenile Services Reform Act of 2005

FOR the purpose of requiring the Department of Juvenile Services to appear in court to explain why a certain child, detained in a certain facility for a certain period of time after a court has made a disposition on a petition about the child, remains in the facility; requiring the Department to appear in court in subsequent hearings, after certain periods of time, to explain the reasons for the child's continued detention; establishing the Joint Oversight Committee on the Department of Juvenile Services; establishing the composition of the Committee; providing for the appointment of co-chairs and for staff assistance for the Committee; establishing certain powers and duties of the Committee; requiring the Committee to submit a certain annual report to the General Assembly on or before certain dates; requiring the Department to provide to the Governor and certain members of the General Assembly by a certain date a report on certain specific action taken by the Department in response to certain recommendations of the Office of the Independent Juvenile Justice Monitor; requiring the Department to provide to the Governor and certain members of the General Assembly by a certain date an inventory of all facilities used by the Department to place certain children under the Department's jurisdiction in out-of-home placement; requiring the inventory to contain certain information concerning each facility; requiring the Department, by a certain date, to report to the Governor and certain members of the General Assembly on the feasibility of establishing a volunteer mentoring program for certain children; providing for the termination of certain provisions of this Act; ~~by a certain date, maintain and operate certain detention and committed facilities to meet certain requirements; requiring certain facilities to be maintained and operated so that they are distinct from one another in a certain manner and do not share certain areas; requiring that a certain detention facility be used only for certain children; declaring a certain intent of the General Assembly; and generally relating to the maintenance and operation of certain facilities by the Department of Juvenile Services.~~

~~BY adding to~~

~~Article 83C — Juvenile Services~~

~~Section 2-117(e)~~

~~Annotated Code of Maryland~~

~~(2003 Replacement Volume and 2004 Supplement)~~