

(2004 Replacement Volume)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article 49D - Office for Children, Youth, and Families

[40.

(a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.

(b) "Disciplinary action" means any punitive action against a child that results in more security, additional obligations, or less personal freedom.

(c) "Department" means the Department of Juvenile Services.

(d) "Facility" means:

(1) A residential facility operated by the Department; and

(2) A residential facility owned by the Department but privately operated.

(e) (1) "Grievance" means a complaint made by a child or on behalf of a child due to a circumstance or action considered to be unjust.

(2) "Grievance" does not include an employee grievance, disciplinary appeal, or complaint.

(f) "Independent juvenile justice monitor" means an individual employed by the Office for Children, Youth, and Families to determine whether the needs of children under the jurisdiction of the Department are being met in compliance with State law, that their rights are being upheld, and that they are not being abused.

(g) "Office" means the Office of the Independent Juvenile Justice Monitor.

(h) "Secretary" means the Secretary of Juvenile Services.

(i) "Subcabinet" means the Subcabinet for Children, Youth, and Families.

(j) "Special Secretary" means the Special Secretary for Children, Youth, and Families.]

[41.

There is an Office of the Independent Juvenile Justice Monitor in the Office for Children, Youth, and Families.]

[42.

(a) The Office shall include:

(1) A full-time Executive Director; and

(2) Staff as provided in the State budget.