

Very truly yours,  
Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr.  
Governor

**Senate Bill No. 468**

AN ACT concerning

**Department of Juvenile Services - Youth Services Bureaus - Predelinquent Diversion Services**

FOR the purpose of requiring the Department of Juvenile Services, by a certain date and yearly thereafter, to include certain information in the State Comprehensive Juvenile Justice 3-Year Plan; altering the membership of the State Advisory Board for Juvenile Services; requiring the Board to advise the Secretary of Juvenile Services on certain programs; requiring the research unit of the Department to develop new means to prevent juvenile offenses by using certain youth services bureaus; ~~requiring the research unit to undertake certain analyses of certain predelinquent programs~~; requiring the Secretary to establish certain predelinquent programs without requiring the Secretary to provide staff to operate the programs; requiring the Department to be the central administrative department for certain predelinquent programs; requiring the Department to promote certain predelinquent programs including greater utilization of youth services bureaus; providing that a requirement that certain services be provided, including certain aftercare services, is subject to the availability of funding; requiring the Department to collaborate with local governments and youth services bureaus ~~on expanding and obtaining funding for~~ to encourage the use of certain predelinquent programs; requiring the Department to provide technical assistance for such programs; making stylistic changes; providing for the effective date of certain provisions of this Act; providing for the termination of certain provisions of this Act; and generally relating to predelinquent diversion services.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
Article 83C - Juvenile Services  
Section 1-101(a), (b), (c), (d), and (g)  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2003 Replacement Volume and 2004 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
Article 83C - Juvenile Services  
Section 2-104(e)(3), 2-107(a), 2-110, 2-111(a) and (b), 2-115(b), 2-122, and 2-127  
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