

(I) (1) THE SECRETARY OF EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING SHALL, PRIOR TO JANUARY 1, 1987, REPORT TO THE GOVERNOR AND, SUBJECT TO § 2-1312 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON THE PROGRAM EXPERIENCE DURING STATE FISCAL YEAR 1986, INCLUDING INFORMATION DESCRIBING AS THE NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS SERVED, THE NUMBER OF THESE INDIVIDUALS WHO HAD OBTAINED UNSUBSIDIZED EMPLOYMENT, AND THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF EXPENDITURES UNDER THIS SECTION.

(2) THE GOVERNOR'S EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING COUNCIL SHALL, PRIOR TO JANUARY 1, 1987, ASSESS THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THIS PROGRAM AND REPORT THE RESULTS OF THIS ASSESSMENT TO THE GOVERNOR AND THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1985.

Approved May 28, 1985.

CHAPTER 493

(Senate Bill 551)

AN ACT concerning

Child Abuse - Protective Order - Mitigation of Harm

FOR the purpose of authorizing certain procedures in a child abuse case to mitigate psychological and physical harm to an alleged victim of child abuse subject to certain safeguards; providing that certain persons may file a petition with a court on behalf of a child to relieve a child from abuse under certain circumstances; providing that the petition include certain information; requiring a court to send a copy of the petition to the local department of social services; requiring that department to conduct an investigation and send a report to the court; defining terms; providing that a temporary ex parte order may contain a prohibition against an alleged child abuser entering the home; providing that a court may continue a temporary ex parte order for a certain period of time; providing that a protective order shall order an alleged child abuser to refrain from abusing a household member and may provide other relief in certain cases of abuse of a household member; providing that a court may reissue an order after a certain time in a case of child abuse; providing that a child who is removed from a home to avoid abuse retains certain rights to relief; providing that a petitioner who acts on behalf of a child in a case of child abuse retains certain rights; and generally relating to procedures for