

permeates all socioeconomic levels. Particularly, adolescent pregnancy problems have serious adverse health, social, educational, psychological, and economic consequences on adolescents and on the community at large. These serious adverse consequences and problems justify the need for a State initiative designed for the development and implementation of community-based comprehensive, multiservice programs which integrate and supplement existing health, education, and social services. This program will assist adolescents to avoid unwanted pregnancies and assist pregnant adolescents and adolescent parents to become productive, independent contributors to family and community life. The costs of providing the health, educational, social, and economic services are likely to reap substantial benefits to society; now, therefore,

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

Article - Family Law

TITLE 15. GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL ON ADOLESCENT PREGNANCY.

SUBTITLE 1.

15-101.

(A) IN THIS TITLE THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

(B) "ADOLESCENT PARENT" MEANS A MOTHER OR FATHER UNDER THE AGE OF 18 YEARS.

(C) "COUNCIL" MEANS THE GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL ON ADOLESCENT PREGNANCY.

SUBTITLE II. GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL ON ADOLESCENT PREGNANCY.

15-201.

(A) THERE IS A GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL ON ADOLESCENT PREGNANCY.

(B) THE COUNCIL SHALL BE INDEPENDENT, AND LOCATED IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES FOR BUDGETARY AND ADMINISTRATIVE PURPOSES ONLY.

15-202.

(A) THE COUNCIL CONSISTS OF THE FOLLOWING 18 MEMBERS APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR:

- (1) THE SECRETARY OF HUMAN RESOURCES;
- (2) THE SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE;
- (3) THE SECRETARY OF EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING;