

treatment programs, and in various kinds of residential care both secure and nonsecure, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week; and

WHEREAS, The creation of a cabinet level department for direct care services to youth will enable the Agency to more efficiently and effectively interchange with federal, State, and local counterparts; and

WHEREAS, Departmental status would increase the visibility and importance that should be given to our youth and the programs designed to serve them; now, therefore,

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

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

(b) "[Agency] DEPARTMENT" means the [Juvenile] DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE Services [Agency].

(c) "County" means a county of this State and, unless expressly provided otherwise, Baltimore City.

(d) "[Director] SECRETARY" means the [Director] SECRETARY of the DEPARTMENT OF Juvenile Services [Agency].

(e) "Person" means an individual, receiver, trustee, guardian, personal representative, fiduciary, or representative of any kind and any partnership, firm, association, corporation, or other entity.

(f) "State" means:

(1) A state, possession, or territory of the United States;

(2) The District of Columbia; or

(3) The Commonwealth of Puerto Rico.

(g) "State Advisory Board" means the State Advisory Board for Juvenile Services.

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