

child care training under certain circumstances; providing for the utilization of certain individuals for certain child care services; requiring certain reports; requiring the Secretary to establish a certain evaluation committee; specifying the membership of the evaluation committee; requiring the Secretary to adopt any necessary regulations; defining certain terms; providing for the responsibility of the parents of a minor child under certain circumstances; making provisions of this Act subject to a certain contingency; prohibiting implementation of the Program until a certain period of time after the receipt of a certain report by the General Assembly; limiting use of certain moneys for certain purposes; providing for the severability nonseverability of the provisions of this Act in the case of a certain referendum vote; removing a restriction relating to abortions, subject to a certain contingency; assuring the use of certain moneys for certain purposes under certain circumstances; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to the establishment of a Welfare Reform Pilot Program reform of welfare in the State.

BY adding to

Article 88A – Social Services Administration
 Section 54A
 Annotated Code of Maryland
 (1991 Replacement Volume and 1993 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Family Law
Section 5-203
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1991 Replacement Volume and 1993 Supplement)

Preamble

WHEREAS, The State of Maryland recognizes that for too many families, welfare has become what it never was intended to be: a permanent way of life and this system of continuous income maintenance not only destroys all incentive for an individual to become self-sufficient it often leads to intergenerational dependency; and

WHEREAS, The State's welfare system does not reward work or any effort to seek and secure a job and the total package of welfare benefits can be better than the package of benefits the working poor can obtain, creating an incentive to stay on welfare; and

WHEREAS, The State's welfare system has numerous disincentives for the maintenance of a two-parent family unit and the role and responsibilities of the father is largely ignored in the current system; and

WHEREAS, The General Assembly has established welfare reform as one of the major human service priorities of State government, with the intended goal of achieving a significant reduction in the number of citizens who are enrolled in the Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC) program; and