

Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1992 Replacement Volume and 1995 Supplement)

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

**Article - Education**

**SUBTITLE 4. ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION AND VIOLENCE PREVENTION PROGRAMS.**

24-401.

(A) IN THIS SECTION, "VIOLENCE PREVENTION PROGRAM" MEANS A COURSE ~~THAT OFFERS~~ IN WHICH EDUCATION AND TRAINING IS OFFERED IN THE AREAS OF RECOGNIZING, ADDRESSING, AND RESOLVING ISSUES OF VIOLENCE IN THE HOME AND THE COMMUNITY.

(B) THE BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND SYSTEM HAS ESTABLISHED AT BOWIE STATE UNIVERSITY; THERE IS A STATE CENTER FOR ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION AND VIOLENCE PREVENTION. THE MARYLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY HEREBY RECOGNIZES THAT CENTER.

(C) THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY RECOGNIZES THAT THE CENTER:

(1) SHALL SERVE AS THE CENTRAL REPOSITORY FOR MATERIALS, DATA, AND INFORMATION RELATED TO VIOLENCE PREVENTION PROGRAMS OPERATING IN THE STATE OR AVAILABLE TO THE STATE; AND

~~(2) MAY OPERATE A VIOLENCE PREVENTION PROGRAM AT THE UNIVERSITY THAT IS FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC~~

(2) MAY SERVE AS A REFERRAL SOURCE FOR VIOLENCE PREVENTION PROGRAMS AND SERVICES OPERATING IN THE STATE OR AVAILABLE TO THE STATE;

(3) MAY IMPLEMENT VOLUNTEER PREVENTION NETWORKS THROUGHOUT THE STATE;

(4) MAY PROVIDE RESEARCH AND EVALUATION SERVICES IN THE AREA OF VIOLENCE PREVENTION;

(5) MAY PROVIDE INFORMATION SERVICES REGARDING VIOLENCE PREVENTION PROGRAMS AND SERVICES;

(6) MAY PROVIDE OR FACILITATE VIOLENCE PREVENTION EDUCATION AND TRAINING PROGRAMS;

(7) MAY PROVIDE MEDIA AND MEDIA-RELATED SERVICES IN THE AREA OF VIOLENCE PREVENTION; AND