

Sincerely,
Parris N. Glendening
Governor

House Bill No. 447

AN ACT concerning

Higher Education - Bowie State University - State Center for Alternative Dispute Resolution and Violence Prevention

FOR the purpose of ~~creating~~ recognizing the State Center for Alternative Dispute Resolution and Violence Prevention at Bowie State University; ~~establishing~~ recognizing the Center as the central repository for materials, data, and information relating to certain training programs; ~~authorizing the Center to operate~~ recognizing that the Center shall operate a violence prevention program, implement violence prevention networks, provide certain information and training, academic support, and other services regarding violence prevention education, and to provide certain educational and academic support regarding violence prevention; ~~requiring the Governor to include certain funds in the annual budget to support the Center;~~ and generally relating to the ~~creation of a~~ State Center for Alternative Dispute Resolution and Violence Prevention at Bowie State University.

BY adding to

Article - Education

Section 24-401 to be under the new subtitle "Subtitle 4. Alternative Dispute Resolution and Violence Prevention Programs"

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 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.