

(8) A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE STATE'S ATTORNEYS' ASSOCIATION, DESIGNATED BY THE ASSOCIATION;

(9) A PEDIATRICIAN WITH EXPERIENCE IN DIAGNOSING AND TREATING INJURIES AND CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT, WHO SHALL BE APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR FROM A LIST SUBMITTED BY THE MARYLAND CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN ACADEMY OF PEDIATRICS;

(10) MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL PUBLIC WITH INTEREST OR EXPERTISE IN THE PREVENTION OR TREATMENT OF CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT WHO SHALL BE APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR AND WHO SHALL INCLUDE REPRESENTATIVES FROM PROFESSIONAL AND ADVOCACY GROUPS, PRIVATE SOCIAL SERVICE AGENCIES, AND THE MEDICAL, LAW ENFORCEMENT, EDUCATION, AND RELIGIOUS COMMUNITIES; AND

(11) AT LEAST TWO INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE PERSONAL EXPERIENCE WITH CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT WITHIN THEIR OWN FAMILIES OR WHO HAVE BEEN CLIENTS OF THE CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES SYSTEM WHO SHALL BE APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR.

(B) (1) THE TERM OF A MEMBER APPOINTED UNDER SUBSECTION (A)(9), (10), OR (11) OF THIS SECTION IS 3 YEARS.

(2) AN APPOINTED MEMBER MAY SERVE UP TO TWO CONSECUTIVE 3-YEAR TERMS.

(3) THIS SECTION DOES NOT AFFECT THE TERM OF ANY PERSON WHO IS A MEMBER OF THE GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL ON CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT ON JULY 1, 1999.

(4) IN CASE OF A VACANCY, THE GOVERNOR SHALL APPOINT A SUCCESSOR FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE UNEXPIRED TERM.

(C) ALL OTHER MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL SHALL CONTINUE IN OFFICE SO LONG AS THEY HOLD THE REQUIRED QUALIFICATION AND DESIGNATION SPECIFIED IN SUBSECTION (A)(1) THROUGH (8) OF THIS SECTION.

5-7A-03.

THE GOVERNOR SHALL SELECT A CHAIRPERSON FROM AMONG THE MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL.

5-7A-04.

(A) THE COUNCIL SHALL MEET NOT LESS THAN ONCE EVERY 3 MONTHS.

(B) MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL SHALL SERVE WITHOUT COMPENSATION, BUT MAY BE REIMBURSED FOR REASONABLE EXPENSES INCURRED IN THE PERFORMANCE OF THEIR DUTIES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE STANDARD STATE TRAVEL REGULATIONS AND AS PROVIDED IN THE STATE BUDGET.

(C) THE COUNCIL MAY EMPLOY A STAFF IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE STATE BUDGET.