WHEREAS, The strict time limits placed for family reunification in the federal Adoption and Safe Families Act make timely provision of quality substance abuse treatment programs essential; now, therefore,

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

Article – Family Law

SUBTITLE 12. INTEGRATION OF CHILD WELFARE AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT SERVICES.

5–1201.

(A)   IN THIS SUBTITLE THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

(B)   "AT–RISK PARENT" MEANS A PARENT OF A CHILD ENTERING OUT–OF–HOME PLACEMENT OR IDENTIFIED AS AT RISK OF ENTERING OUT–OF–HOME PLACEMENT.

(C)   "CHILD WELFARE PERSONNEL" MEANS PARAPROFESSIONALS, CASEWORKERS, CASEWORK SUPERVISORS, AND ADMINISTRATORS WHO WORK IN CHILD WELFARE PROGRAMS ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT.

(D)   "COURT" HAS THE MEANING STATED IN § 5–701 OF THIS TITLE.

(E)   "CROSS–TRAINING" MEANS TRAINING OF BOTH CHILD WELFARE AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT PERSONNEL, PROVIDED BY QUALIFIED TRAINERS WITH AN APPROVED CURRICULUM IN ESSENTIAL AREAS, INCLUDING BOTH SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND CHILD WELFARE PRACTICES, PROCEDURES, AND LAWS.

(F)   "LOCAL DEPARTMENT" MEANS A LOCAL DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES FOR A COUNTY.

(G)   "OUT–OF–HOME PLACEMENT" MEANS PLACEMENT OF A CHILD INTO FOSTER CARE, KINSHIP CARE, GROUP CARE, OR RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT CARE.

(H)   "QUALIFIED ADDICTIONS SPECIALIST" MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL WHO MEETS THE QUALIFICATIONS FOR SUBSTANCE ABUSE COUNSELING AND SCREENING ESTABLISHED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE.

(I)   "SUBSTANCE ABUSE TESTING" MEANS TESTING THAT IS PERFORMED BY URINALYSIS, BREATHALYZER, DIP STICK, BLOOD TESTING, OR HAIR ANALYSIS TO DETERMINE IF AN INDIVIDUAL HAS USED EITHER DRUGS OR ALCOHOL.

(J)   "SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT" MEANS A PROGRAM THAT PROVIDES THE INTENSITY AND TYPE OF TREATMENT NEEDED FOR PARENTS AND THEIR CHILDREN TO ACHIEVE MAXIMIZE THE LIKELIHOOD OF LONG–TERM ABSTINENCE, INCLUDING DETOXIFICATION, INTENSIVE OUTPATIENT TREATMENT, INTERMEDIATE CARE AND OTHER RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT (INCLUDING PROGRAMS IN WHICH