

(2) ~~At least~~ Up to \$5 million for coordinated services for at-risk parents' children for prevention and treatment of substance abuse; and

(3) ~~At least~~ Up to \$1 million for incentives for child welfare and addictions personnel to ~~become Qualified Addictions Specialists~~ achieve specified levels of expertise as determined by the protocol developed under § 5-1202 of the Family Law Article as enacted by Section 1 of this Act.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the funds appropriated for the purposes of Section 2 of this Act shall be in addition to any funds appropriated for similar purposes for fiscal year 2001. The funds expended in fiscal year 2002 for the purposes of Section 2 of this Act in excess of the funds appropriated in fiscal year 2001 shall be counted towards fulfilling the requirements of Section 1 of this Act, provided that the funds are included in the Governor's budget request for fiscal year 2002 and every year thereafter. The federal IV-E funds spent for the purposes of Section 1 of this Act as a result of a waiver agreement with the United States Department of Health and Human Services may not be counted towards fulfilling the requirements of Section 2 of this Act.

~~SECTION 3. 4.~~ AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Governor shall include in the budget for the fiscal year 2004 \$500,000 for an independent results-based evaluation of the integration of substance abuse treatment and child welfare services in the State. The evaluation shall be included in the report required by this Act on or before December 15, 2004.

~~SECTION 5. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act may be construed only prospectively and may not be applied or interpreted to have any effect on or application to a petition for a child in need of assistance under Title 3, Subtitle 8 of the Courts Article, before the effective date of this Act nothing in this Act may be interpreted to change the criteria currently used for determining when a child shall be removed from the custody of parents or other legal guardians found to have a substance abuse problem.~~

~~SECTION 4. 6.~~ AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2000.

Approved May 18, 2000.

CHAPTER 552

(Senate Bill 679)

AN ACT concerning

Maryland Agricultural Education and Rural Development Assistance Program Fund Act of 2000

FOR the purpose of ~~creating~~ establishing the Maryland Agricultural Education and Rural Development Assistance ~~Program~~ Program Fund to be administered by the Board of Public Works as a continuing, nonlapsing fund; stating legislative findings