

FOR ENVIRONMENTAL EXPOSURES, DUE TO INADEQUATE HOUSING, POOR NUTRITION, AND LIMITED ACCESS TO HEALTH CARE; ~~AND~~

(4) SOLUTIONS TO COMPLEX ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH PROBLEMS REQUIRE THE ONGOING COMMUNICATION, COLLABORATION, AND COOPERATION OF AFFECTED COMMUNITIES AND MANY DISCIPLINES INCLUDING SCIENCE, MEDICINE, PUBLIC HEALTH, ECONOMICS, PLANNING, LAW, AND POLICY; AND

(5) AS RECOMMENDED BY THE ADVISORY COUNCIL ON ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE IN ITS REPORT PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 741 OF THE ACTS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF 1997, AS AMENDED, IT IS NECESSARY TO ASSESS THE IMPACTS OF STATE POLICIES, PROGRAMS, AND ACTIVITIES ON AFFECTED COMMUNITIES AND, IN THIS INSTANCE, CHILDREN ARE THE AFFECTED COMMUNITY.

(B) (1) THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY RECOGNIZES ITS RESPONSIBILITIES:

(I) TO ENABLE ALL CHILDREN TO GROW UP IN A SAFE AND HEALTHY ENVIRONMENT; AND

(II) TO USE ITS RESOURCES TO ENSURE THAT EVERY CHILD IS PROVIDED WITH AN ENVIRONMENTALLY SAFE AND HEALTHY LEARNING ENVIRONMENT IN WHICH TO GROW, DEVELOP, AND MATURE INTO A PRODUCTIVE AND HEALTHY ADULT.

(2) THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY SEEKS TO MEET THESE RESPONSIBILITIES BY CREATING AN ADVISORY COUNCIL TO:

(I) IDENTIFY ENVIRONMENTAL HAZARDS THAT MAY AFFECT ~~CHILDREN~~ CHILDREN'S HEALTH; AND

(II) ~~CREATE~~ RECOMMEND SOLUTIONS TO THOSE HAZARDS THROUGH INTERDISCIPLINARY PROBLEM SOLVING AND COALITION BUILDING.

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THERE IS A STATE CHILDREN'S ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH AND ~~ENVIRONMENTAL~~ PROTECTION ADVISORY COUNCIL.

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(A) (1) THE ADVISORY COUNCIL SHALL BE COMPOSED OF ~~15~~ 18 MEMBERS AS FOLLOWS:

(I) ONE MEMBER OF THE SENATE OF MARYLAND, APPOINTED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE;

(II) ONE MEMBER OF THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, APPOINTED BY THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE;

(III) THE SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE, OR THE SECRETARY'S DESIGNEE;

(IV) THE SECRETARY OF THE ENVIRONMENT, OR THE SECRETARY'S DESIGNEE;