

provision takes effect, Section 2 of this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect. This Act may not be interpreted to have any effect on that termination provision.

SECTION ~~2~~ 5. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, subject to the provisions of Section 4 of this Act, this Act shall take effect October July 1, 2003.

Approved May 13, 2003.

CHAPTER 250

(Senate Bill 458)

AN ACT concerning

Children with Disabilities - ~~Individual Treatment Plans and Voluntary Placements~~

FOR the purpose of ~~requiring the juvenile court, in a child in need of assistance disposition hearing, to take certain actions if the court finds that a child is in need of assistance solely because of a developmental disability or mental disorder under certain circumstances; prohibiting the juvenile court from changing a child's custody status under certain circumstances; authorizing a juvenile court to order a local department or the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to take certain actions under certain circumstances; granting exclusive, original jurisdiction to the juvenile court over a certain disposition hearing for a child under a certain age; establishing venue for filing a petition for a certain disposition hearing; establishing that in Prince George's County a master for juvenile causes may conduct a certain disposition hearing; authorizing the juvenile court to exclude the public from a certain disposition hearing; specifying the contents of a certain petition; establishing a certain time frame for conducting a certain disposition hearing; requiring the juvenile court to make certain determinations in a certain disposition hearing; requiring the juvenile court to take certain actions in making a certain disposition judicial determination; requiring the juvenile court to conduct a certain permanency plan hearing; requiring the Social Services Administration to establish an out-of-home placement program for children in certain voluntary placements; requiring a local department of social services to obtain the approval of the Social Services Administration before offering a certain out-of-home placement; prohibiting a local department from seeking legal custody of a child with certain disabilities under certain circumstances; authorizing a child with certain disabilities to remain in an out-of-home placement for more than a specified period of time under certain circumstances; requiring a local department of social services to provide certain services to a child placed in accordance with a voluntary placement agreement; prohibiting a child from being committed to the custody or guardianship of a local department solely for certain reasons; defining certain terms; altering certain definitions; making clarifying changes; and generally relating to children with disabilities.~~