(3) [the] THE court may order the custodian to file periodic written progress reports, with copies sent to all parties.

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If a child is committed under this subtitle to an individual or to a public or private agency or [institution, the] INSTITUTION:

- (1) THE JUVENILE COUNSELOR SHALL VISIT THE CHILD AT THE CHILD'S PLACEMENT NO LESS THAN ONCE EVERY:
  - (H) MONTH, IF THE PLACEMENT IS IN THE STATE: OR
  - (H) 3 MONTHS, IF THE PLACEMENT IS OUTSIDE THE STATE.
- (2) THE COURT MAY ORDER THE JUVENILE COUNSELOR TO VISIT THE CHILD MORE FREQUENTLY THAN REQUIRED BY ITEM (1) OF THIS SECTION IF THE COURT DEEMS IT TO BE IN THE CHILD'S BEST INTERESTS; AND
- (3) [the] THE court may require the custodian to file periodic written progress reports, with recommendations for further supervision, treatment, or rehabilitation.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2003.

Approved May 13, 2003.

## CHAPTER 307

(House Bill 541)

AN ACT concerning

Department of Juvenile Justice - Intensive Case Monitor Pilot Program
Task Force to Study the Mentoring and Monitoring of Children in the
Custody of or Under the Supervision of the Department of Juvenile Justice

FOR the purpose of establishing the Intensive Case Monitor Pilot Program in the Department of Juvenile Justice in a certain number of counties selected by the Department; requiring the Department to select the children under its supervision who shall participate in the Program; establishing the purpose of the Program; establishing the role and duties of an intensive case monitor; requiring the Department to recruit monitors from among certain individuals; authorizing certain individuals to serve as monitors; prohibiting a monitor from working more than a certain number of hours weekly; prohibiting the Department from assigning more than a certain number of children to a monitor; providing for the supervision of a monitor; providing for the funding of the Program; authorizing the Department to adopt certain regulations; requiring the Department to submit yearly reports to the Governor and the General Assembly; providing for the termination of this Aet; and generally