

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 49D – Office for Children, Youth, and Families

Section 1

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1998 Replacement Volume and 2001 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article 49D – Office for Children, Youth, and Families

Section 40 through 45, inclusive, to be under the new subtitle “Office of the Independent Juvenile Justice Monitor”

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BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 83C – Juvenile Justice

Section 2–118 *and* 2–119

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BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 88A – Department of Human Resources

Section 6(b)

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

**Article 49D – Office for Children, Youth, and Families**

1.

(a) The Office for Children, Youth, and Families is created as part of the Executive Department.

(b) The head of the Office is the Special Secretary for Children, Youth, and Families. The Special Secretary is appointed by and serves at the pleasure of the Governor and is directly responsible to him. The Special Secretary shall receive the salary provided in the State budget.

(c) The Office shall have a Director and the assistants, fiscal analysts, consultants, and employees provided in the State budget. The Special Secretary may establish areas of responsibility within the Office and may designate staff as necessary to fulfill the duties assigned to the Special Secretary.

(d) The following units are in the Office:

(1) Advisory Committee for Children, Youth, and Families;