## 2002 LAWS OF MARYLAND

(J) "SPECIAL SECRETARY" MEANS THE SPECIAL SECRETARY FOR THE OFFICE FOR CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILIES.

41.

THERE IS AN OFFICE OF THE INDEPENDENT JUVENILE JUSTICE MONITOR IN THE OFFICE FOR CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILIES.

42.

- (A) THE OFFICE SHALL INCLUDE:
  - (1) A FULL-TIME EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR; AND
  - (2) STAFF AS PROVIDED IN THE STATE BUDGET.
- (B) ALL SALARIES FOR THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND INDEPENDENT JUVENILE JUSTICE MONITORS AND EXPENSES FOR RENT, EQUIPMENT, SUPPLIES, AND GENERAL OPERATING <u>MATERIALS</u> <u>EXPENSES</u> NECESSARY FOR THE WORK OF THE OFFICE SHALL BE AS PROVIDED IN THE STATE BUDGET.
- (C) IN COOPERATION WITH THE SECRETARY OF BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT, THE OFFICE SHALL SET MINIMUM SALARIES, QUALIFICATIONS, AND STANDARDS OF TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE FOR POSITIONS WITH THE OFFICE.

43.

## THE OFFICE SHALL:

- (1) EVALUATE AT EACH FACILITY:
  - (I) THE CHILD ADVOCACY GRIEVANCE PROCESS;
- (II) THE DEPARTMENT'S MONITORING AND INTERNAL INVESTIGATIVE PROCESSES PROCESS;
  - (III) THE TREATMENT OF AND SERVICES TO YOUTH;
  - (IV) THE PHYSICAL CONDITIONS OF THE FACILITY; AND
  - (V) THE ADEQUACY OF STAFFING:
- (2) REVIEW ALL REPORTS OF DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS, GRIEVANCES, AND GRIEVANCE DISPOSITIONS RECEIVED FROM EACH FACILITY <u>AND ALTERATIONS</u> IN THE STATUS OR PLACEMENT OF A CHILD THAT RESULT IN MORE SECURITY, ADDITIONAL OBLIGATIONS, OR LESS PERSONAL FREEDOM;
- (3) RECEIVE COPIES OF THE GRIEVANCES SUBMITTED TO THE DEPARTMENT;
- (4) PERFORM UNANNOUNCED SITE VISITS AND ON–SITE INSPECTIONS OF FACILITIES:
- (5) RECEIVE AND REVIEW ALL INCIDENT REPORTS SUBMITTED TO THE DEPARTMENT FROM RESIDENTIAL FACILITIES; AND