CHAPTER 397

(House Bill 962)

AN ACT concerning

Juvenile Causes - Treatment Service Plans

FOR the purpose of authorizing the juvenile court to adopt a treatment service plan recommended by the Department of Juvenile Justice in making a disposition on a certain petition regarding a child; requiring the Department of Juvenile Justice to ensure that a treatment service plan adopted by the court is implemented within a specified time period; specifying when implementation of a treatment service plan is considered to have occurred; requiring the Department of Juvenile Justice to certify in writing to the court within a certain time period whether implementation of a treatment service plan has occurred; requiring the court to schedule and hold a disposition review hearing within a certain time period under certain circumstances; requiring the court to provide certain notice; authorizing the court, at a disposition review hearing, to revise a disposition previously made and a treatment service plan previously adopted; authorizing the Court of Appeals to adopt certain rules; defining a certain term; providing for the <u>construction and</u> application of this Act; and generally relating to the Department of Juvenile Justice and treatment service plans.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings

Section 3-8A-19(b) and (c)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1998 Replacement Volume and 2001 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings

Section 3-8A-19(d)

Annotated Code of Maryland

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BY adding to

Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings

Section 3-8A-20.1

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1998 Replacement Volume and 2001 Supplement)

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