

SECTION 6. ~~28. 33.~~ AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section ~~4~~ 4 of this Act shall take effect July 1, 2004.

SECTION 7. ~~29. 34.~~ AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, except as provided in ~~Section 6 Sections 23 through 28~~ 28 through 33 of this Act, this Act shall take effect June 1, 2004.

Approved May 26, 2004.

CHAPTER 431

(Senate Bill 543)

AN ACT concerning

Department of Juvenile Services - Facilities and Reform Progress Reporting

FOR the purpose of limiting to a certain period of time the term of a certain agreement or contract that the Department of Juvenile Services enters with certain persons for certain services involving the Charles H. Hickey, Jr. School ~~under certain circumstances; requiring the Department to provide to the Governor and certain members of the General Assembly a certain Facilities Master Plan and a certain status reports report and certain Master Facility Plans by certain dates; requiring the Facilities Master Plan to implement a certain ideal delivery system and address certain issues; declaring a certain intent of the General Assembly;~~ requiring the Department, with the assistance and cooperation of the State Department of Education and the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, to provide to the Governor and certain members of the General Assembly a certain study and certain plans, assessments, recommendations, and reports on certain juvenile services in the State by a certain date; requiring the Department to adopt certain regulations by a certain date; ~~requiring the Department to contract for a certain evaluation of the Department's procurement and contracting procedures by a certain date;~~ requiring that certain facilities be operated by the Department by a certain date; making this Act an emergency measure; and generally relating to the Department of Juvenile Services and juvenile services in the State.

Preamble

WHEREAS, ~~The Governor of Maryland has proposed a number of reforms to the juvenile services system in this State, including:~~

(1) Juvenile facilities reform by the downsizing of the Cheltenham Youth Facility to make it a small, modern, best practice facility; reforming the Charles H. Hickey, Jr. School through an emphasis on education, mental health, drug treatment, and staff training; and conducting a facilities study to include a proposal for a Secure Youth Facility for youths facing incarceration in adult facilities;