

(iv) Increasing the grade level and credentials of direct care workers equal to that of field workers.

SECTION ~~3.~~ 4. ~~5.~~ AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That by December 31, 2004, the Department of Juvenile Services shall adopt regulations for its programs and facilities that are consistent with existing State standards applying to private child residential programs and facilities, including meeting all of the requirements of Chapter 396 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2002.

~~SECTION 4. 5. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Department of Juvenile Services shall contract for an independent evaluation of the efficacy and effectiveness of the Department's procurement and contracting procedures and report its findings by December 31, 2004. The Department shall ensure that the contractor provides a report to the Secretary, the Governor, and the General Assembly not later than December 31, 2004.~~

SECTION 6. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That by July 1, 2007, each facility provided for in Article 83C, § 2-117(a)(2) of the Code shall be operated by the Department.

SECTION ~~5.~~ ~~6.~~ 7. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act is an emergency measure, is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health or safety, has been passed by a yea and nay vote supported by three-fifths of all the members elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, and shall take effect from the date it is enacted.

Approved May 26, 2004.

CHAPTER 432

(Senate Bill 191)

AN ACT concerning

Creation of a State Debt - Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loan of 2004, the Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loans of 1990, 1991, 1992, 1993, 1994, 1995, 1996, 1997, 1999, 2002, and 2003, the General Construction Loan of 1989, the Water Quality Loans of 1974 and 1975, and the Chesapeake Bay Water Quality Loans of 1986, 1987, 1988, and 1989, and Broadneck Severn Danza Recreational Complex Loan of 2001

FOR the purpose of authorizing the creation of a State Debt in the amount of ~~Six Hundred Twenty Four Million, Seven Hundred Ninety Two Thousand Dollars (\$624,792,000)~~ Six Hundred Twenty-Eight Million, Two Hundred Sixty-Three Thousand Dollars (\$628,263,000) the proceeds to be used for certain necessary building, construction, demolition, planning, renovation, conversion, replacement, and capital equipment purchases of this State, for acquiring certain real estate in connection therewith, and for grants to certain subdivisions and other organizations for certain purposes, subject to the